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THE NEW
SPIDER-
MAN!



WELL, WHAT'S THE VERDICT?

NOT BAD, OVERALL. I LIKE THE HEADLINE. IT'S A REAL GRABBER! BUT THIS PHOTO MONTAGE IS TOO "ARTSY" FOR ME.

YOUR FRONT PAGES WILL BE A LOT MORE STRIKING IF YOU JUST CONCENTRATE ON A SINGLE EXCITING VISUAL--INSTEAD OF TRYING TO DAZZLE YOUR READERS WITH SPECIAL EFFECTS!

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DAILY BUGLE

New York, February 4, 1984

WHERE ARE THEY?!?

Still No Word On Missing Heroes

Stories on Page 2, Additional Photos on Centerfold

Sunny and cool today and partly Sunny tomorrow. Details on page 75

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SOME NICE REPORTING ON THIS STORY ABOUT THE MISSING HEROES--BUT I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A FEW MORE PICTURES ON PAGE TWO.

WHY DIDN'T YOU USE ANY PHOTOS BY PETER PARKER? THIS SORT OF THING IS USUALLY HIS MEAT.

I TRIED TO CALL PETE A NUMBER OF TIMES IN THE PAST WEEK...BUT HE SEEMS TO BE OUT OF TOWN.

Heroes Gone!

Crime on The Rise



The Sheep Meadow in New York City's Central Park, where it is believed that the abduction took place

No Clues at Disappearance

A list of those missing reads like a regular who's who of super heroes: Captain America, The Wasp, Thor, The She-Hulk and Iron Man of the Avengers; Mr. Fantastic, The Human Torch and

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Wanda Maximoff, The Scarlet Witch

'No Comment' Says Witch

THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH FREELANCERS. THEY'RE UNDEPENDABLE! THEY ALWAYS SEEM TO BE UNDERFOOT--EXCEPT FOR THE TIMES WHEN YOU REALLY NEED ONE.

by Lynn Craig
In the wake of the mysterious disappearances of many of this city's costumed heroes, rumors of dramatic increases in violent crimes were confirmed today when the Bureau of Statistics released its weekly unaudited report. Violent crimes rose overall an average of 14% in the preceding

week. Notable exceptions were the incidents of bank robbery, which increased 23%, and the incidents of armed assault, which rose a staggering 37%.

Many officials in the New York City Police Department, however, remain unconvinced that these statistical increases are directly related to the alleged dis-

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She Feels The Worst

CONOVER'S CORNER

by Jacob Conover

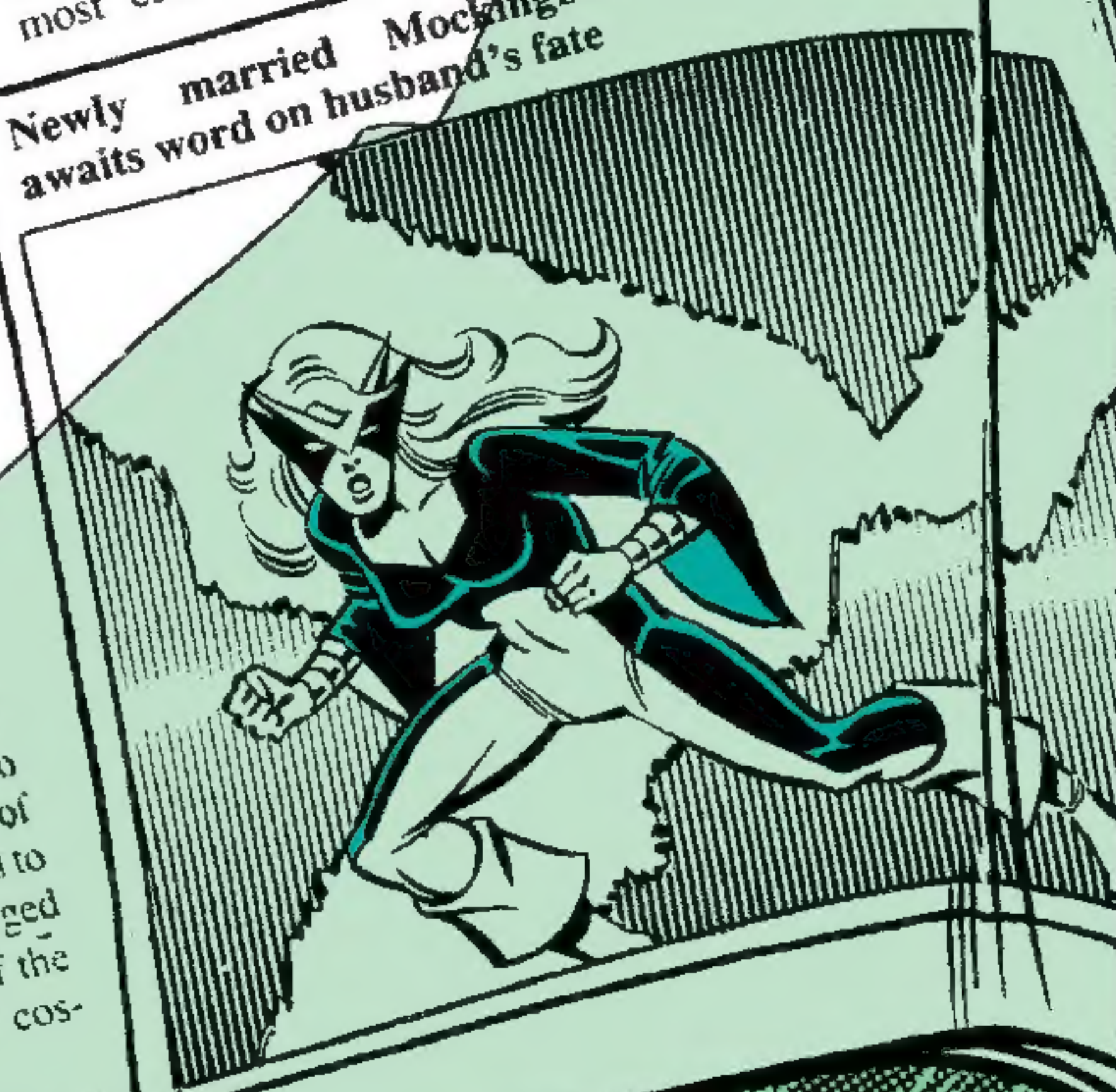


Technically, she is not an Avenger. She has no official ties with this team of super heroes. She has never been considered a part of their organization, and has never even applied for membership. Even the most casual of obser-

vers can see that she has absolutely no legal right to live within their world-famous mansion headquarters. And yet, she is there. She has moved into that famous Fifth Avenue landmark and made it her temporary home while she awaits word...any word...of her missing husband. The woman's name is Mockingbird, and her husband is Hawkeye.

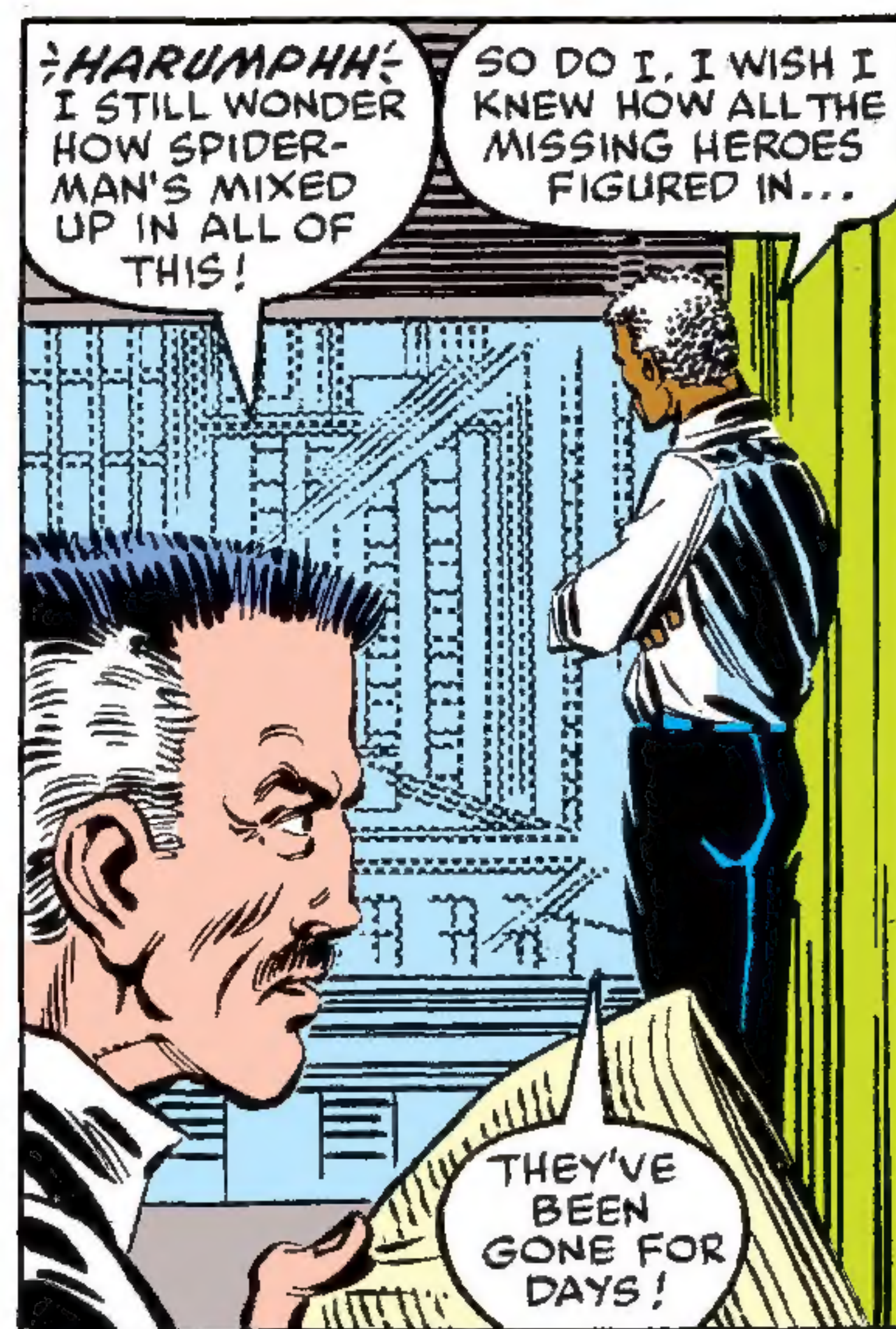
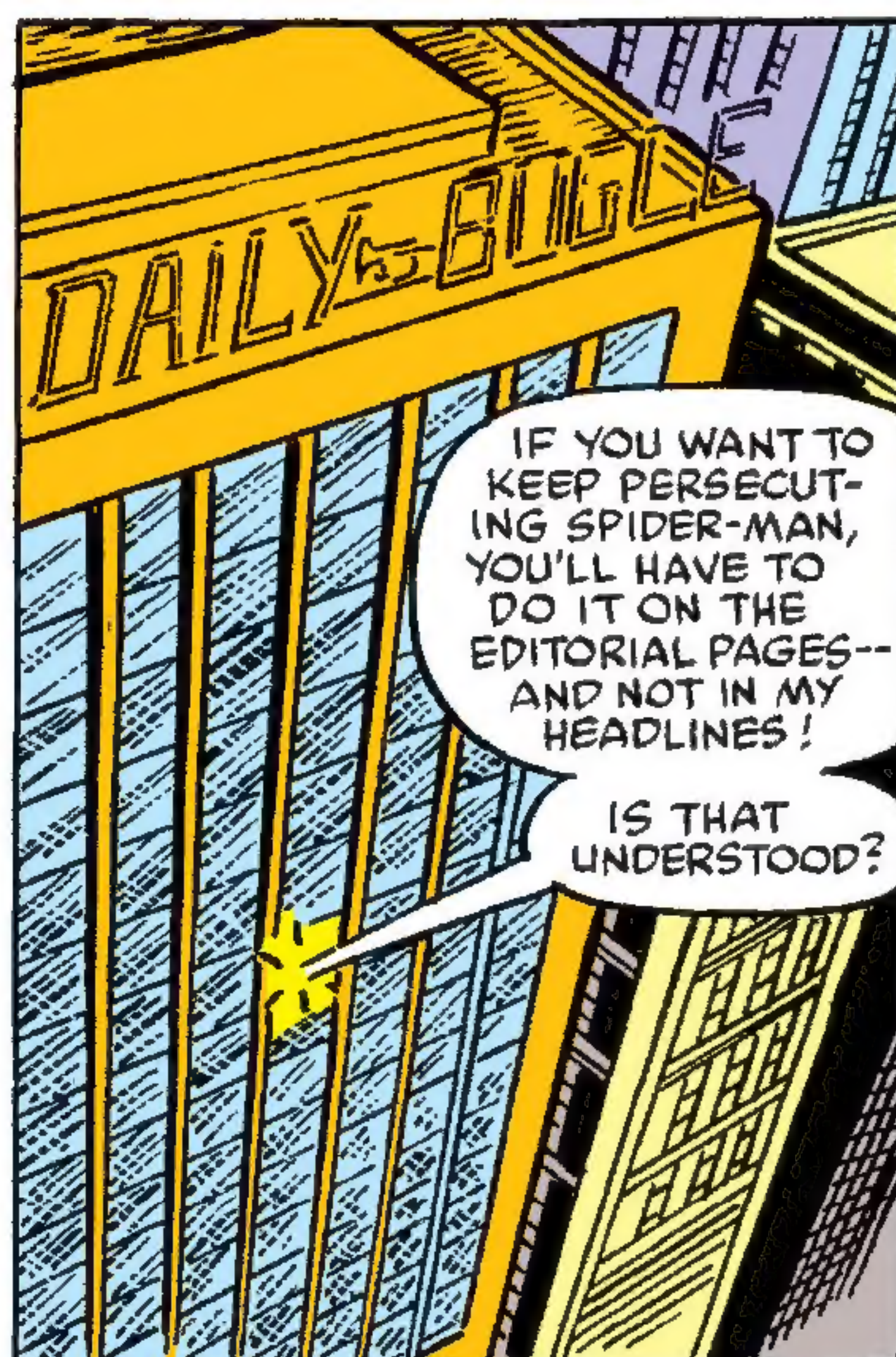
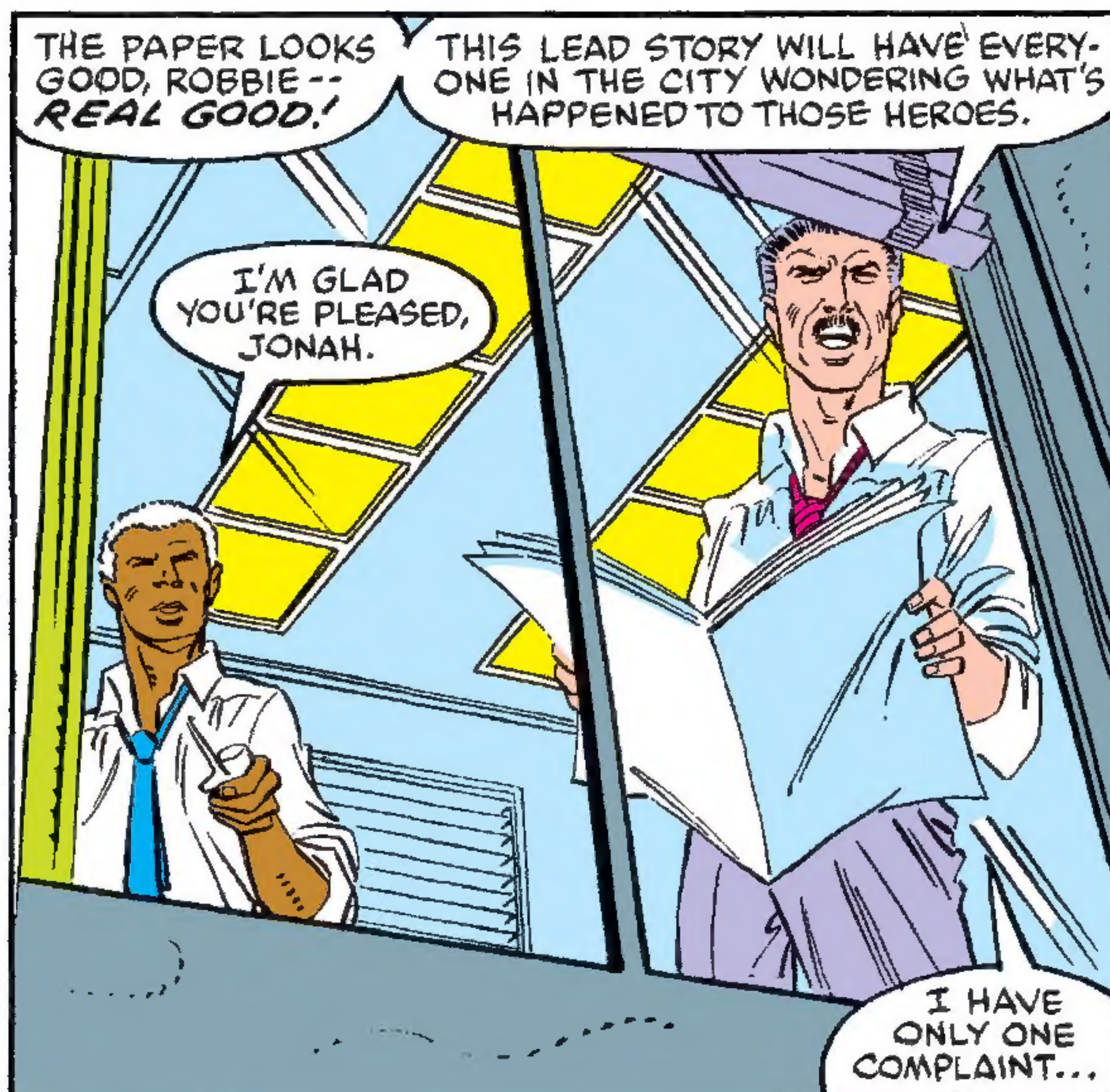
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Newly married Mockingbird anxiously awaits word on husband's fate

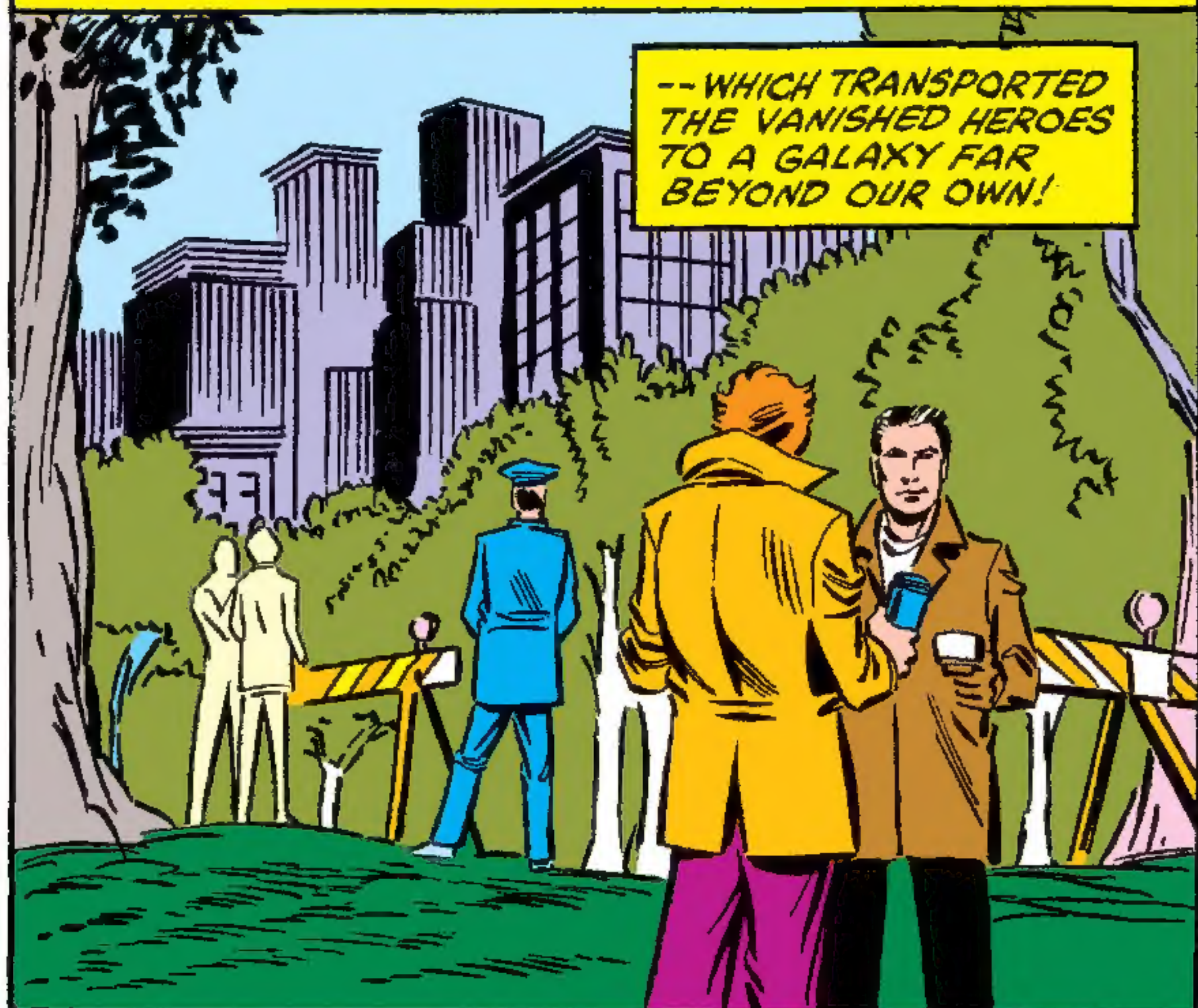


about the world's most powerful costumed heroes. Ms. Maximoff, however,

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MEANWHILE, IN THE SHEEP MEADOW OF NEW YORK'S CENTRAL PARK, THE POLICE HAVE CORDONED OFF THE AREA THAT ONCE HELD THE MYSTERIOUS STONEHENGE-LIKE CONSTRUCTION --



SUDDENLY, AN INCREDIBLE BURST OF BLINDING LIGHT SEEMS TO EXPLODE FROM WITHIN THE BARRICADES, AND THEN --



STAN LEE PRESENTS: A NEW CHAPTER -- A NEW BEGINNING -- IN THE LIFE OF
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

"HOMECOMING!"

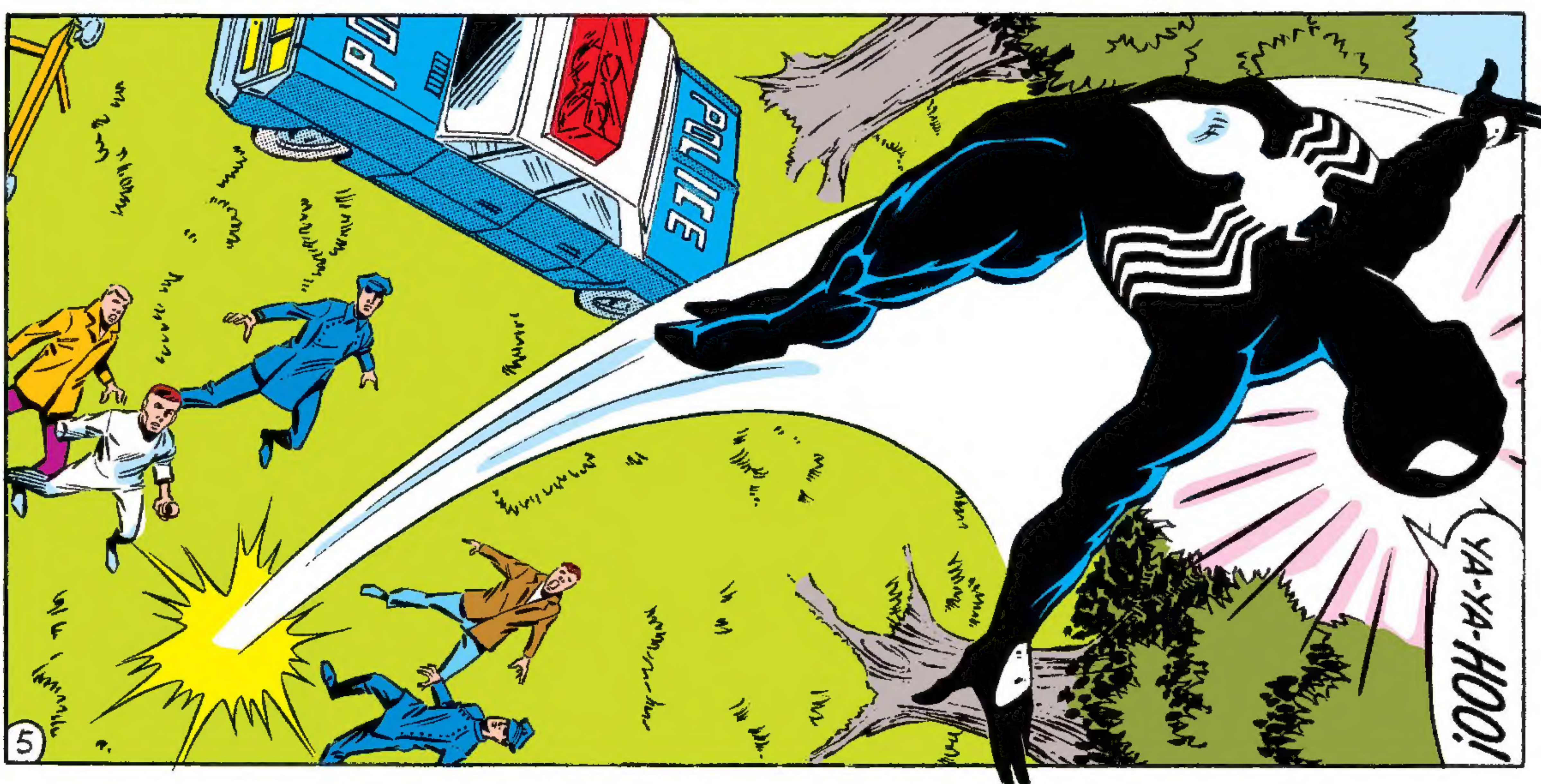
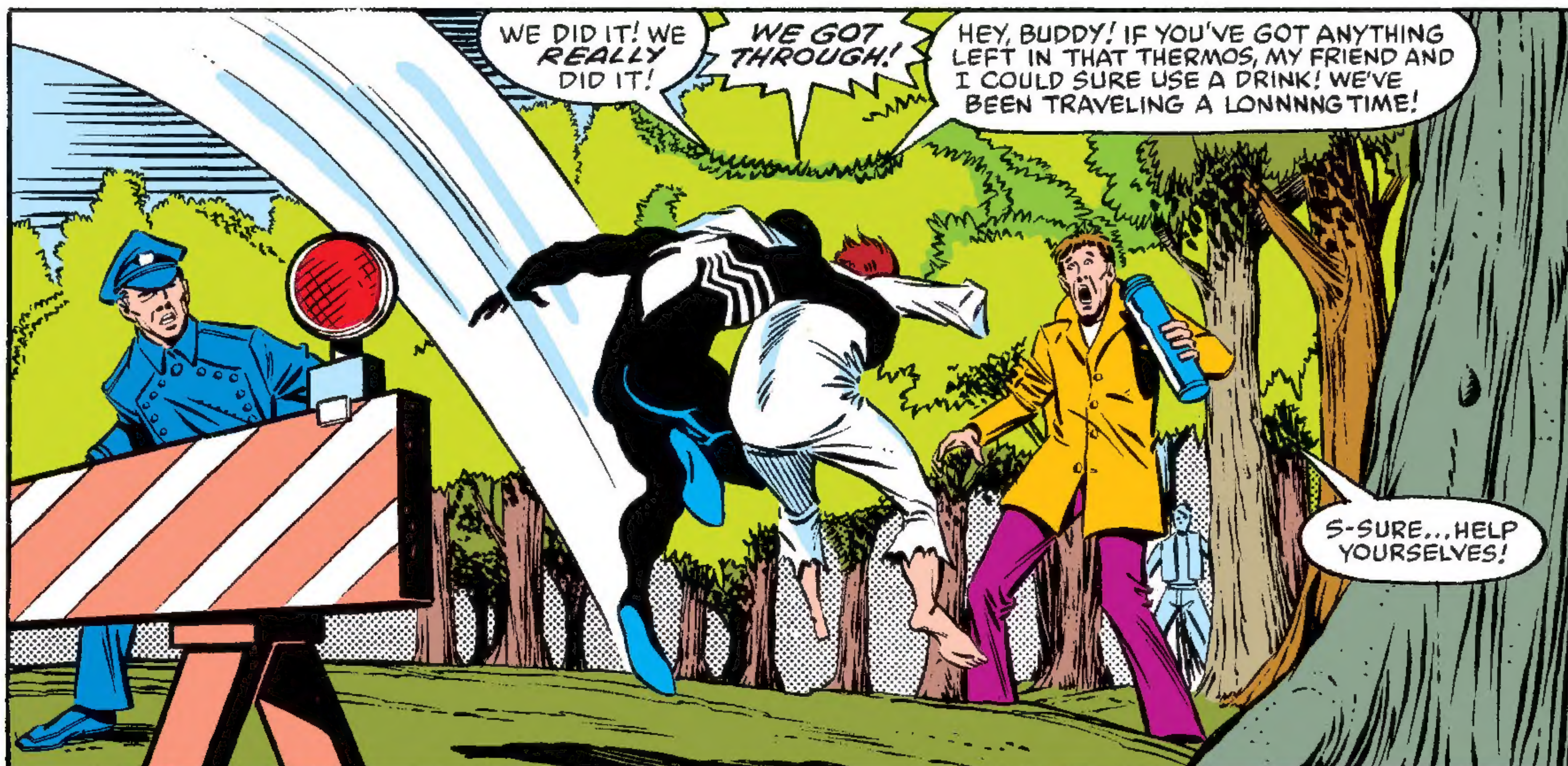
BUT THEN, BEFORE ANOTHER
QUESTION CAN BE UTTERED,
OR A MOVE BE MADE...

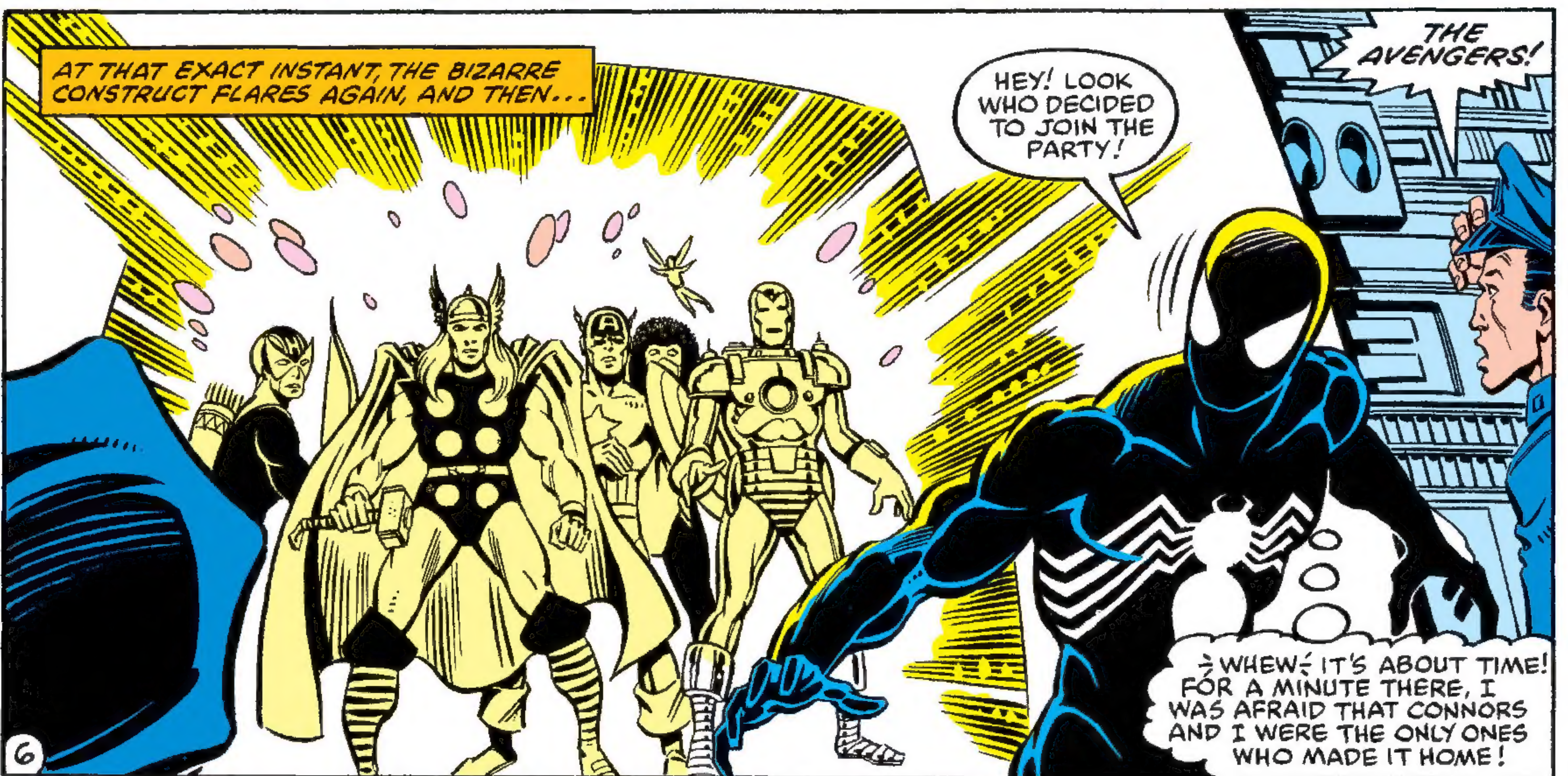
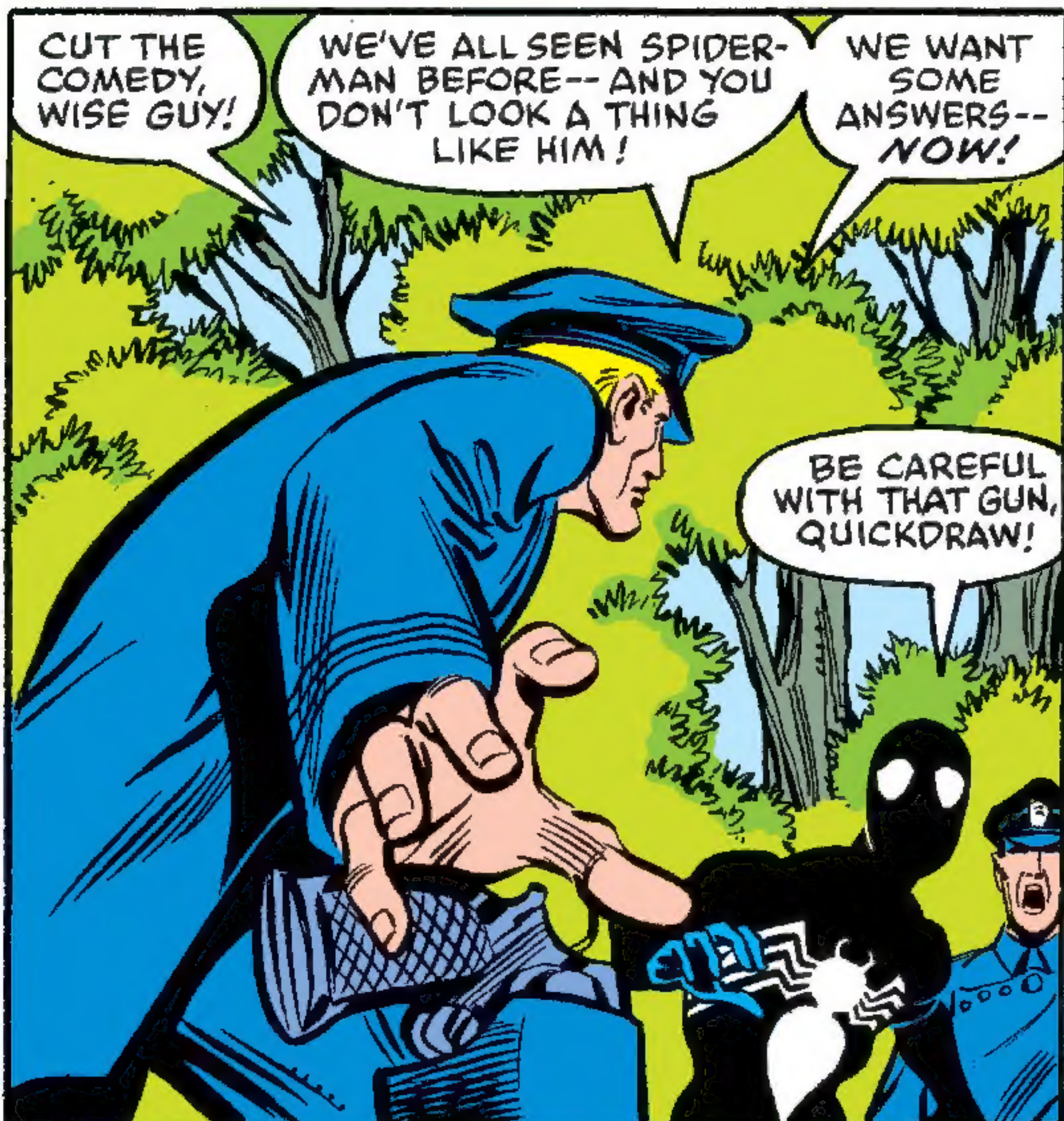
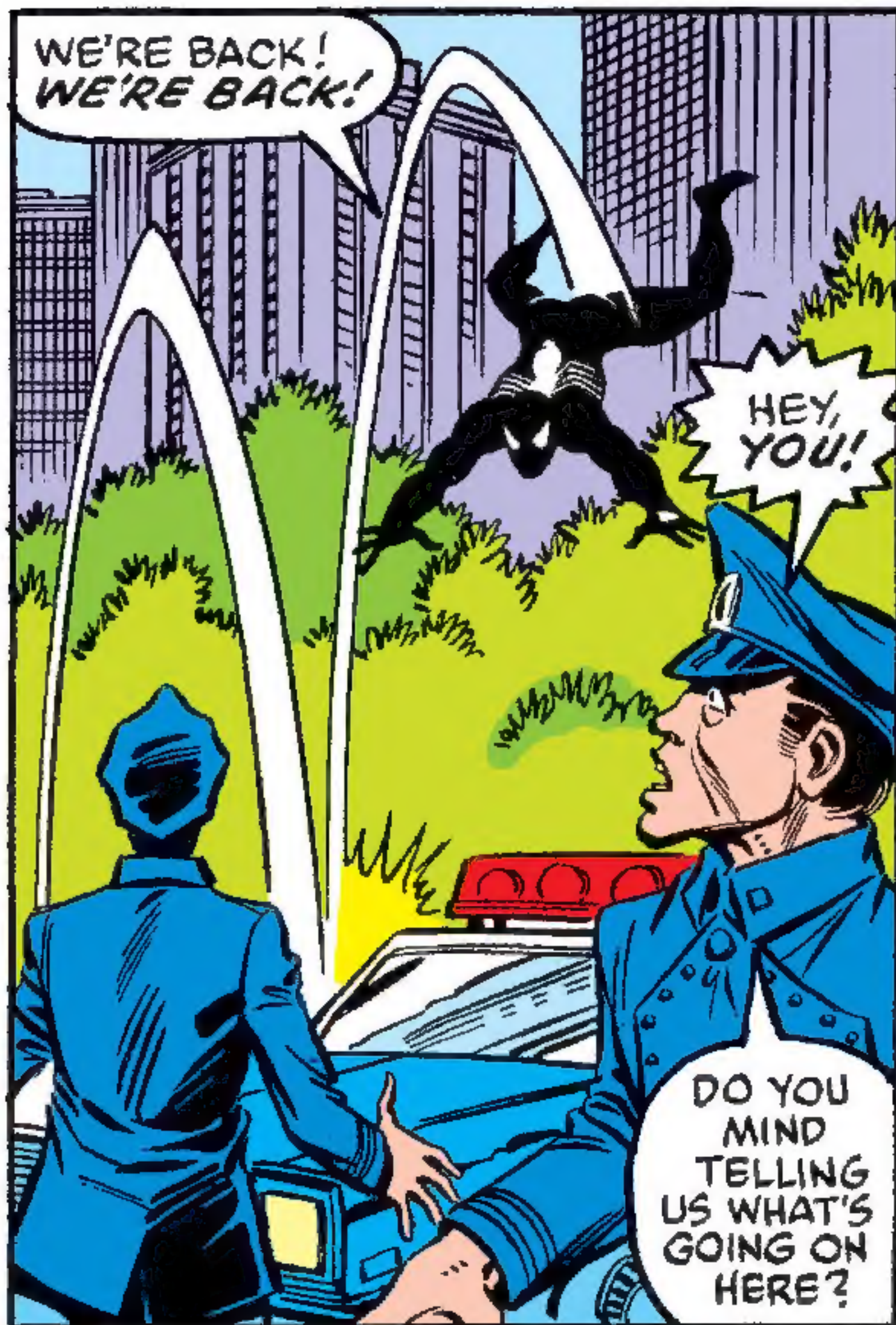
HANG ON, DOC
CONNORS!

I THINK
WE'RE GOING
TO MAKE IT
THIS TIME!



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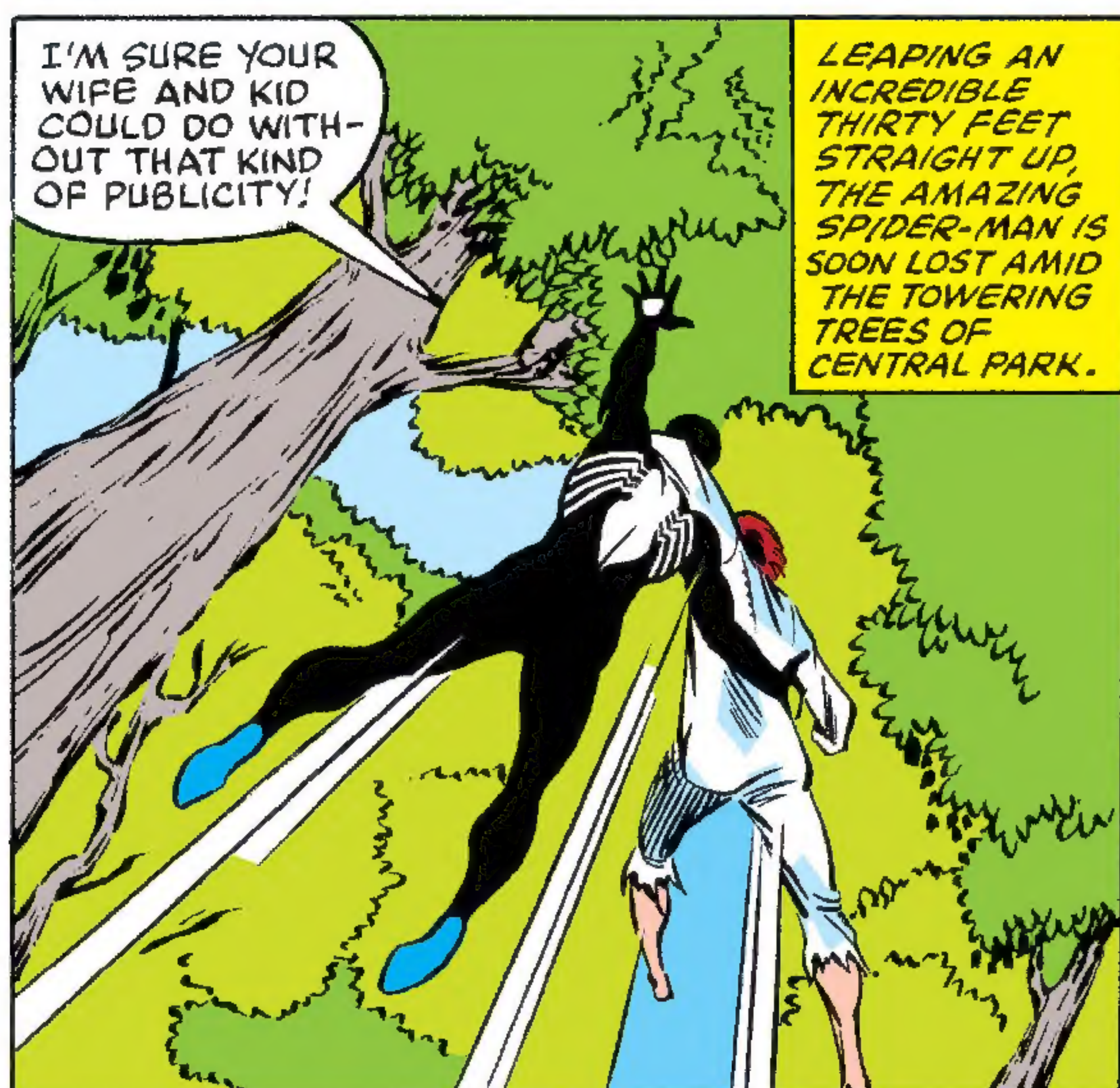






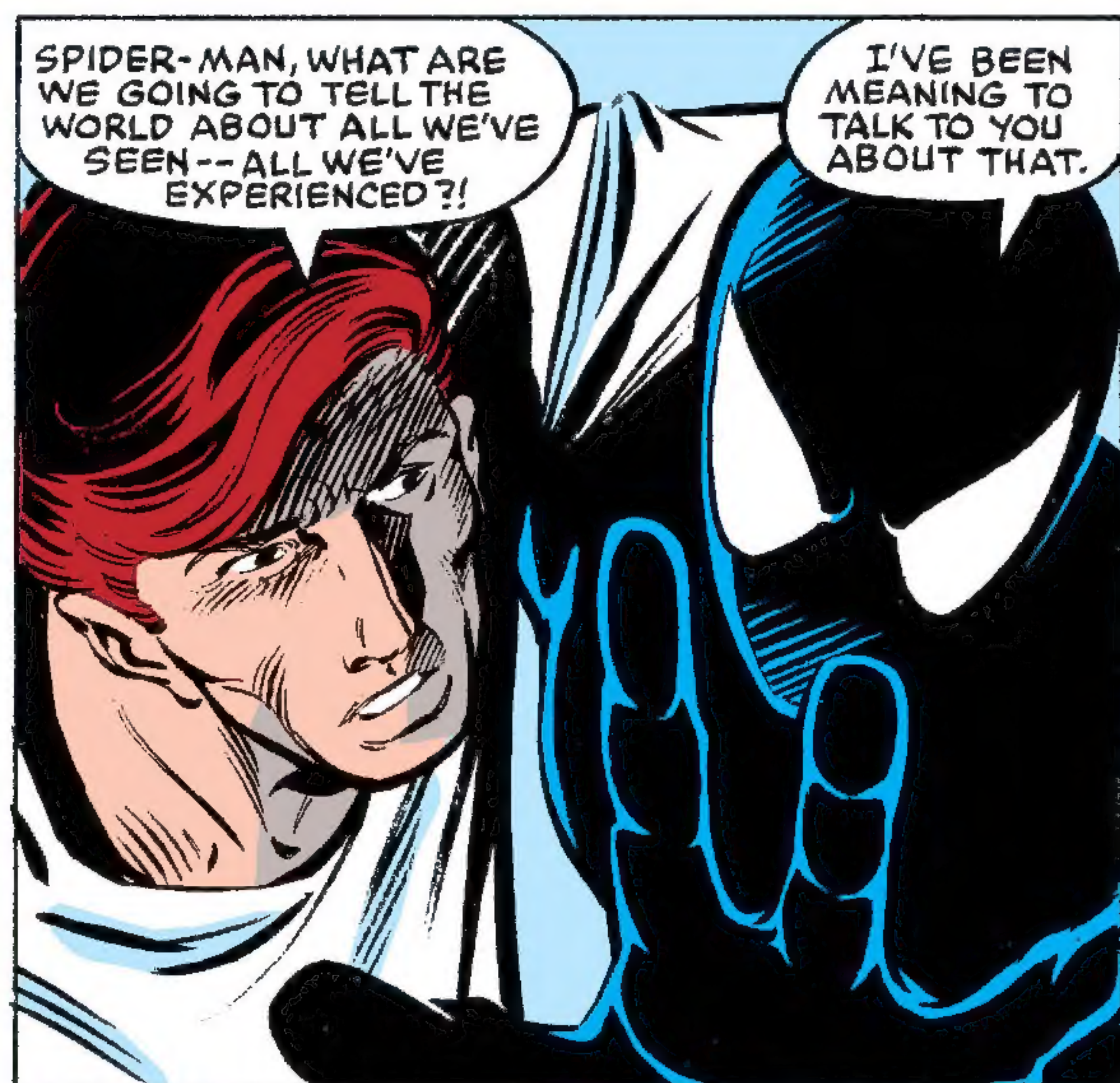
C'MON, DOC! THERE'S NO REASON FOR US TO HANG AROUND ANYMORE!

BESIDES, I WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE SOME SHUTTERBUG STARTS SNAPPING PICTURES OF YOUR FACE!



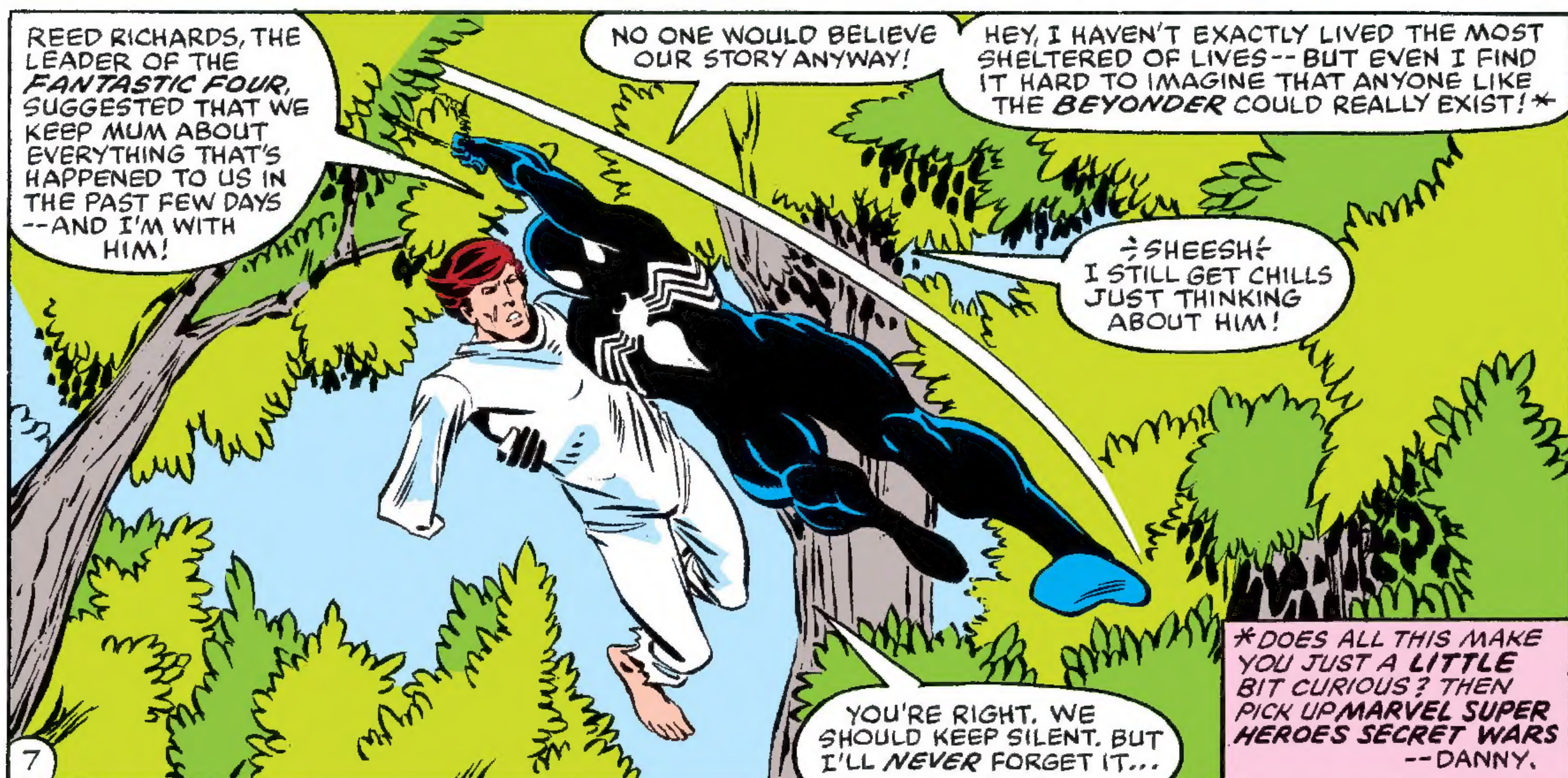
I'M SURE YOUR WIFE AND KID COULD DO WITHOUT THAT KIND OF PUBLICITY!

LEAPING AN INCREDIBLE THIRTY FEET STRAIGHT UP, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN IS SOON LOST AMID THE TOWERING TREES OF CENTRAL PARK.



SPIDER-MAN, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO TELL THE WORLD ABOUT ALL WE'VE SEEN-- ALL WE'VE EXPERIENCED?!

I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT.



REED RICHARDS, THE LEADER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR, SUGGESTED THAT WE KEEP MUM ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED TO US IN THE PAST FEW DAYS --AND I'M WITH HIM!

NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE OUR STORY ANYWAY!

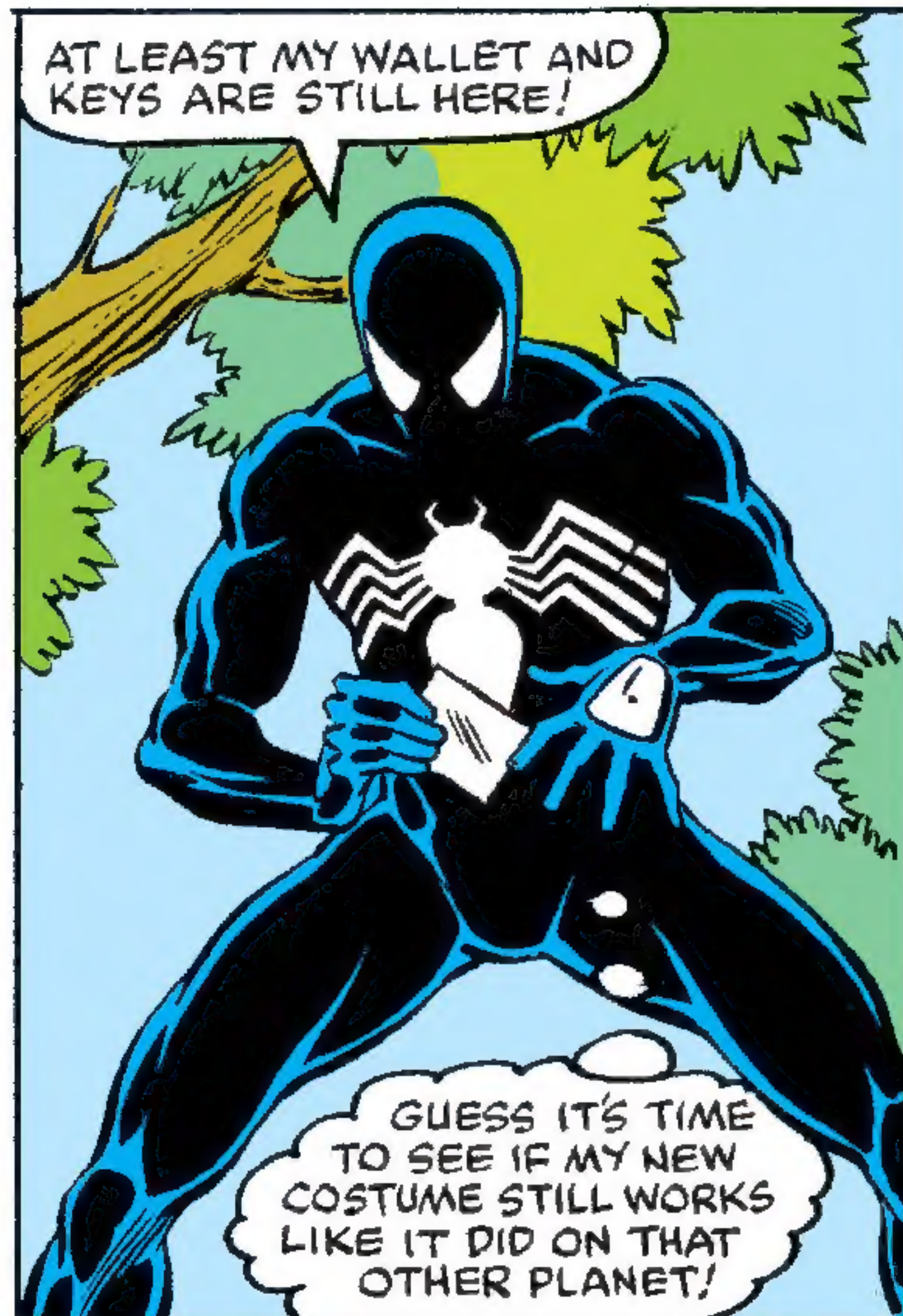
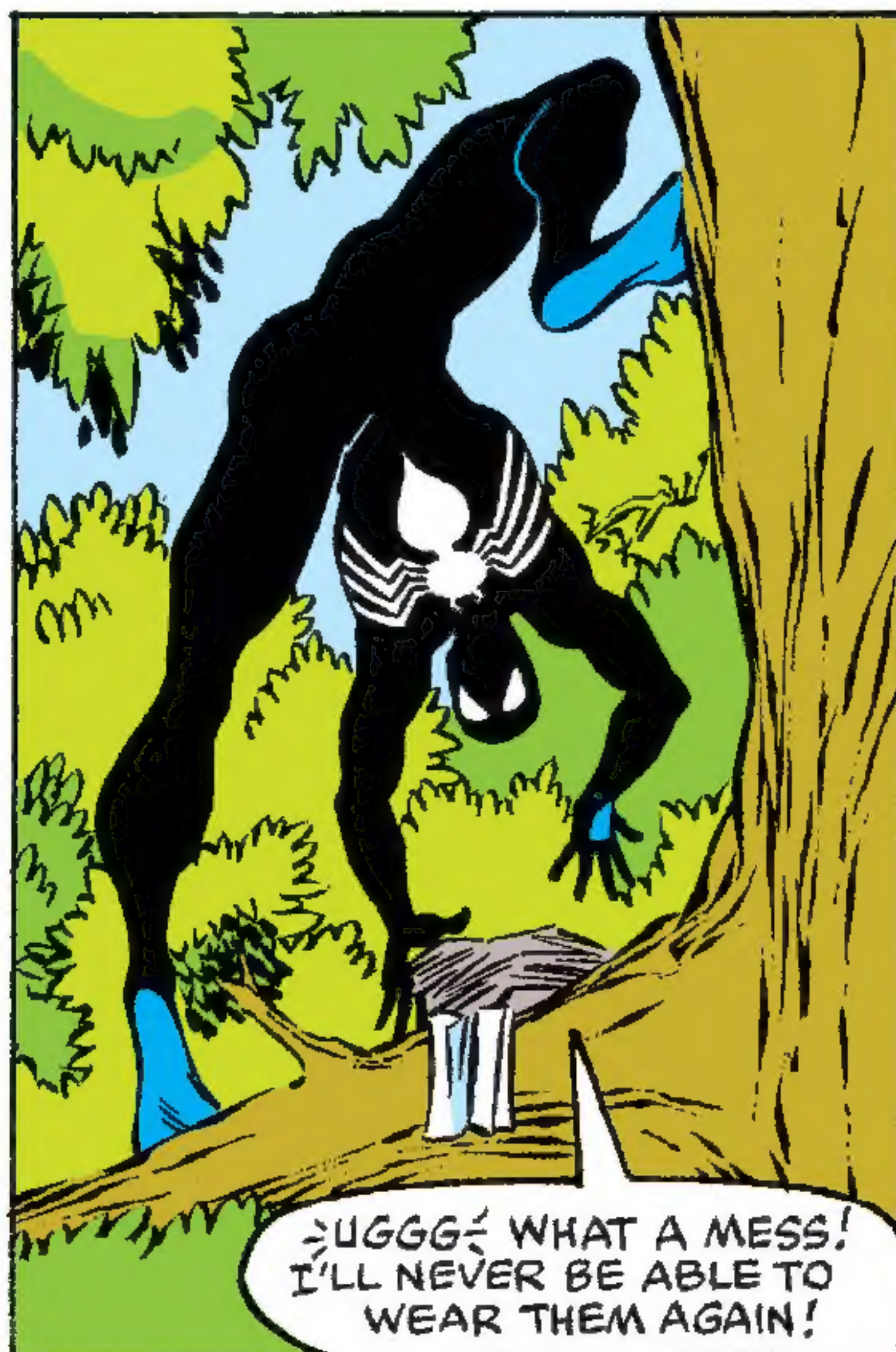
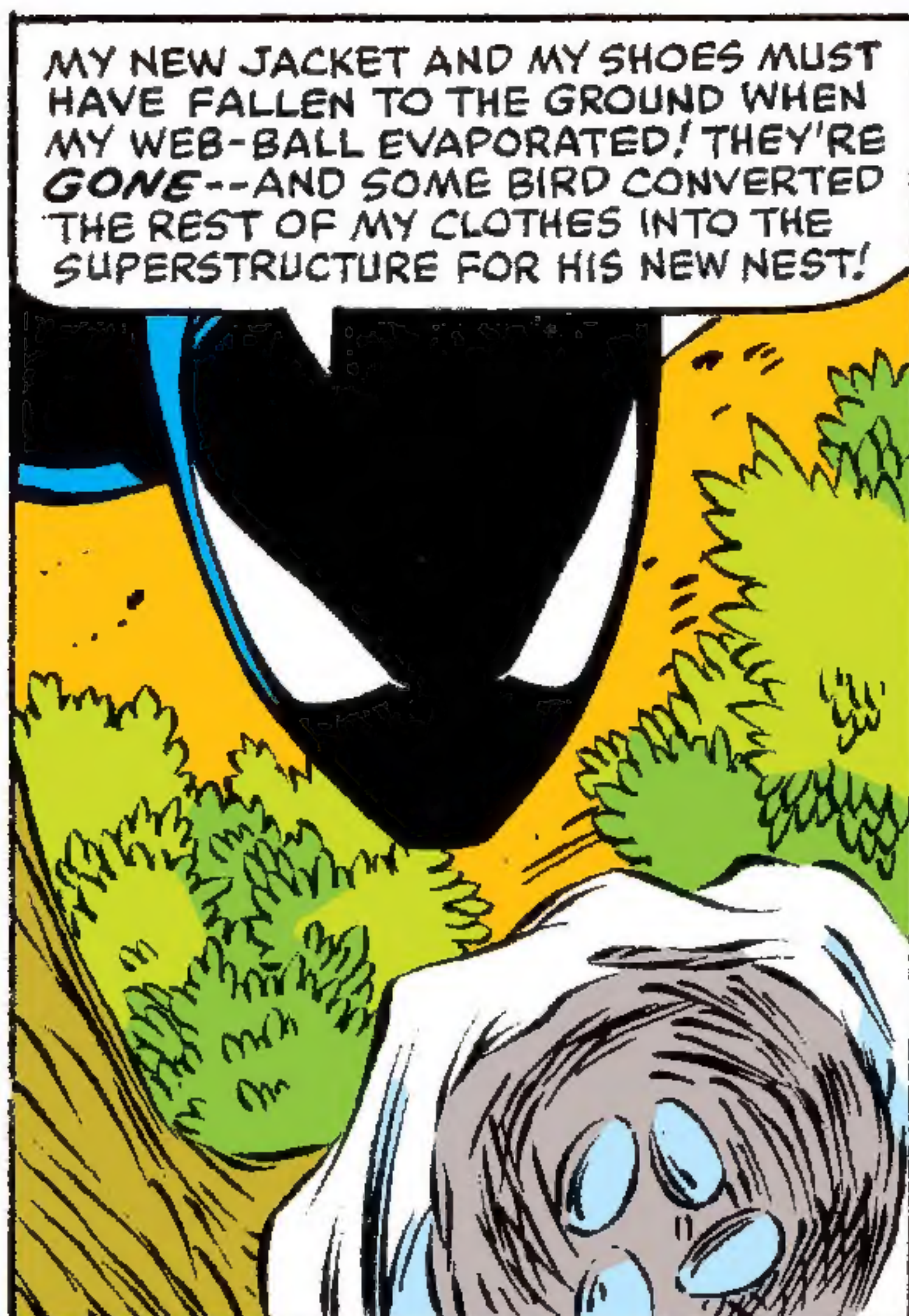
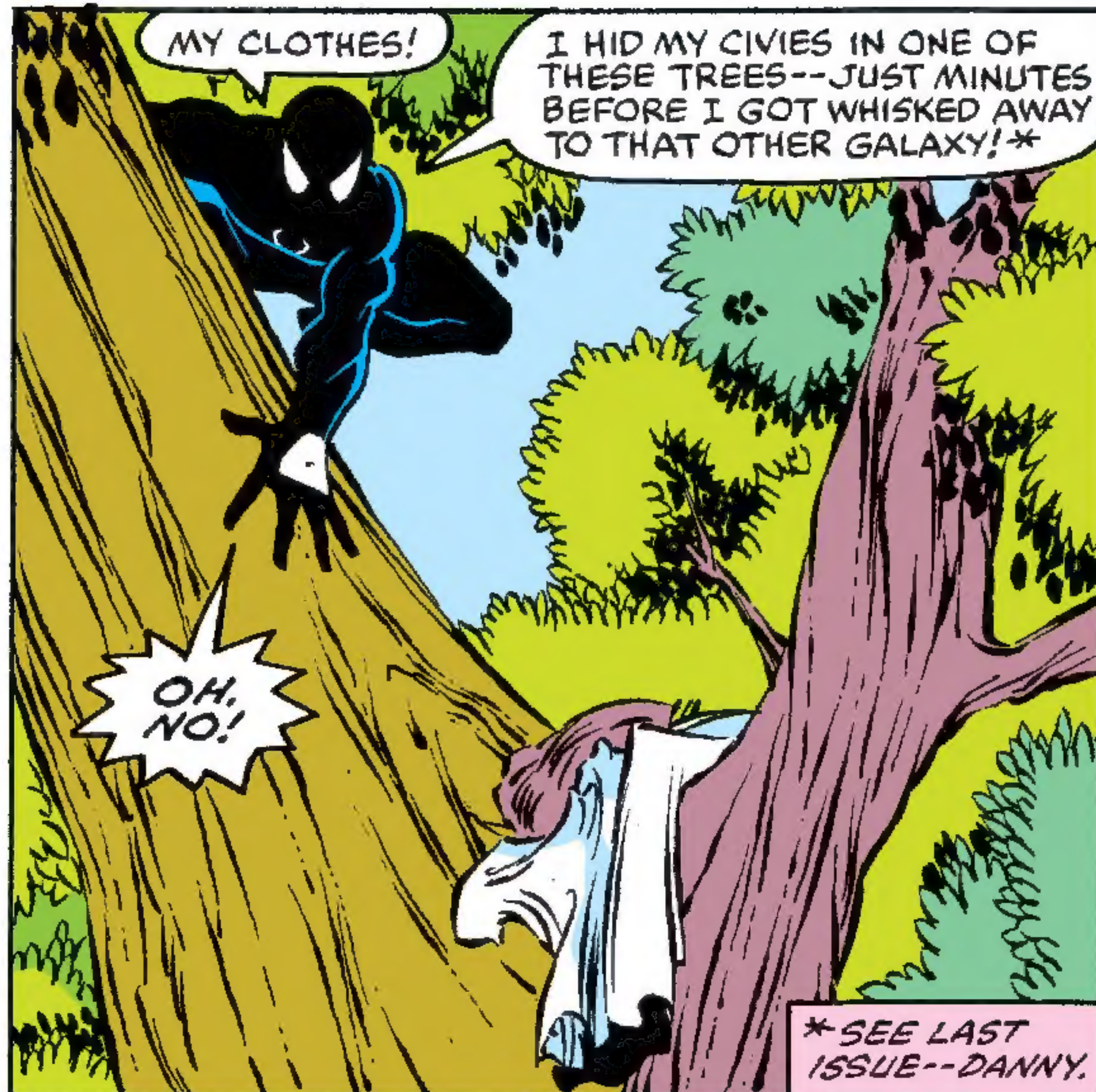
HEY, I HAVEN'T EXACTLY LIVED THE MOST SHELTERED OF LIVES-- BUT EVEN I FIND IT HARD TO IMAGINE THAT ANYONE LIKE THE BEYONDER COULD REALLY EXIST! *

÷ SHEESH ÷
I STILL GET CHILLS JUST THINKING ABOUT HIM!

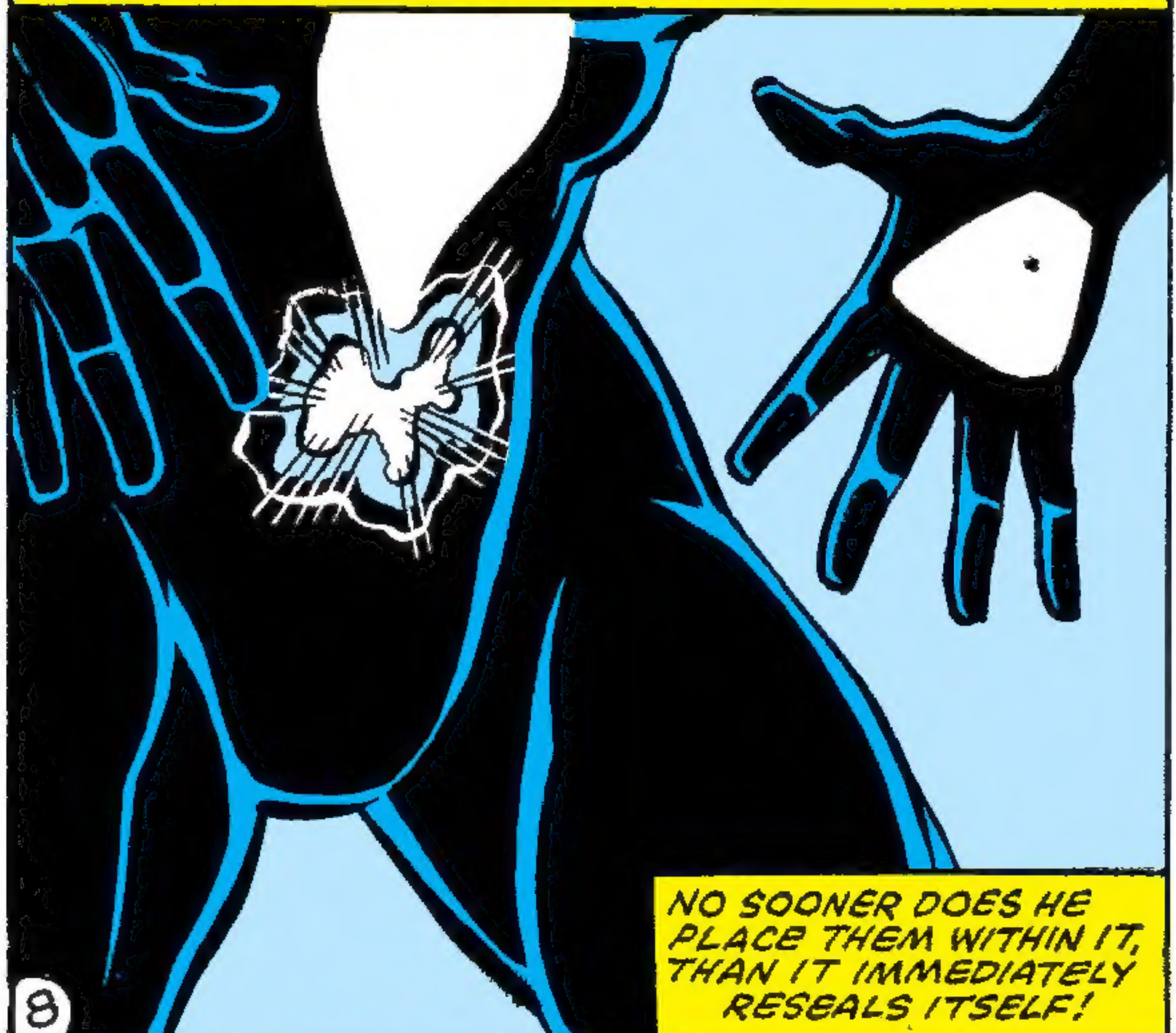
YOU'RE RIGHT. WE SHOULD KEEP SILENT. BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET IT...

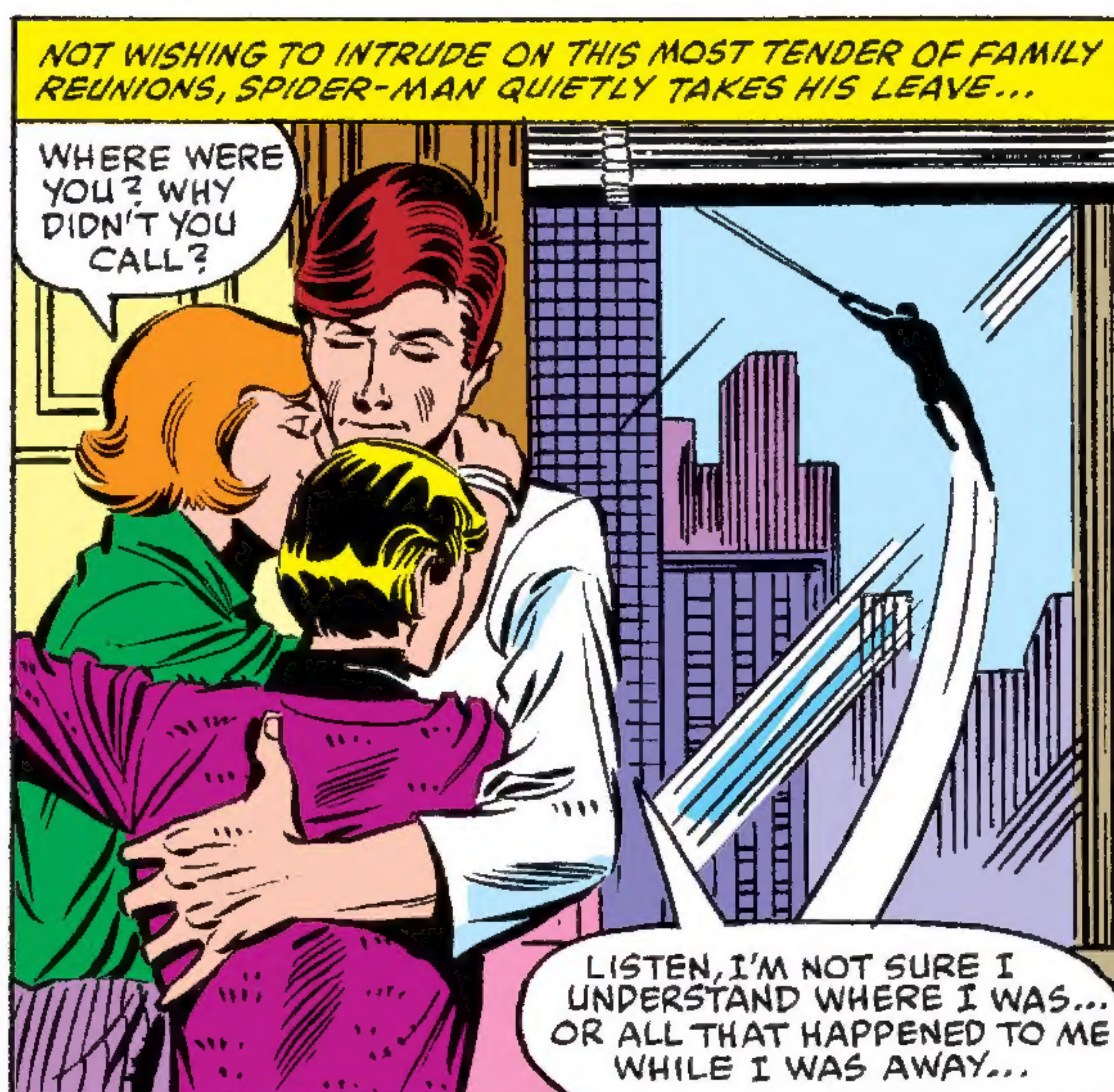
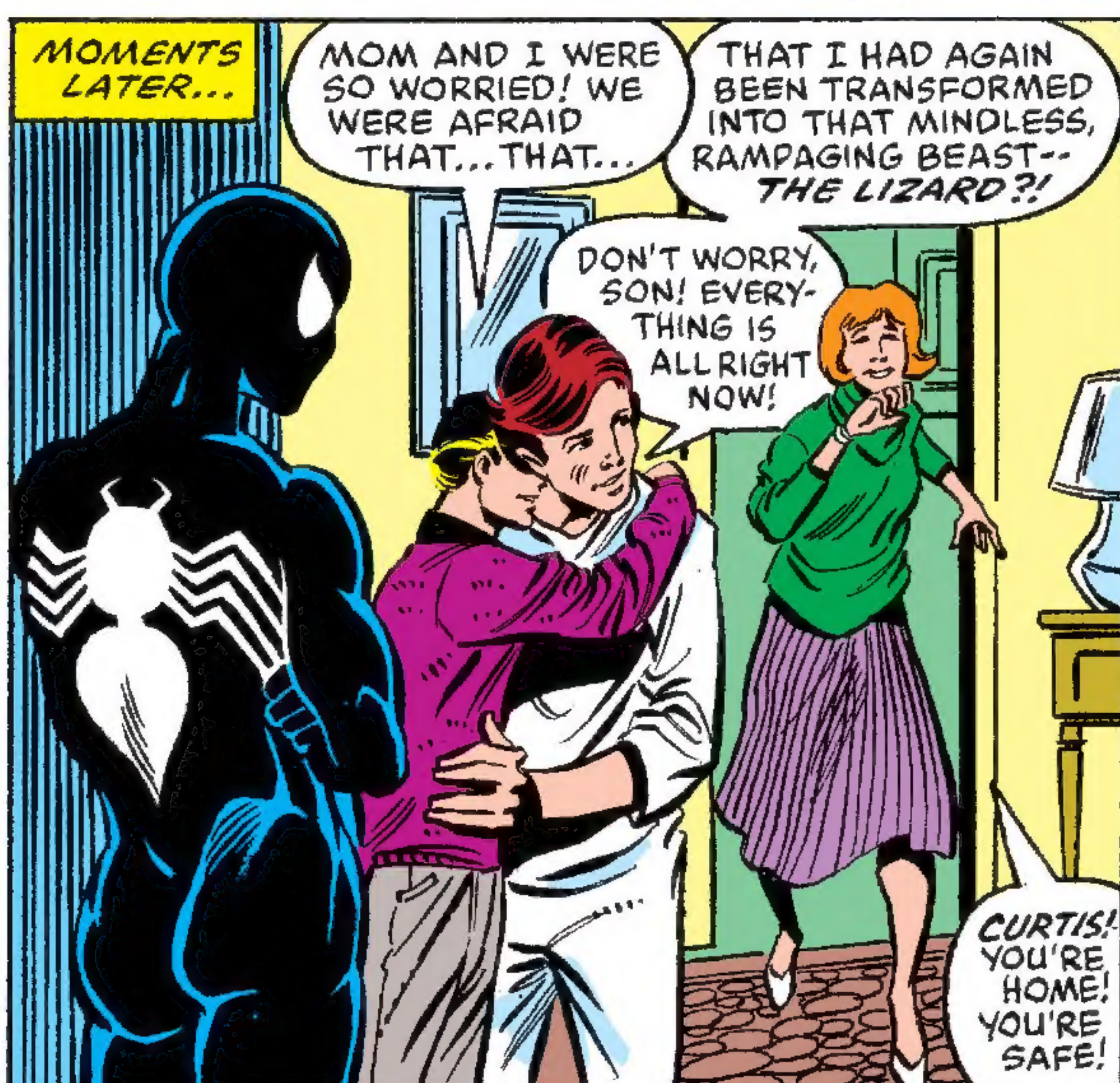
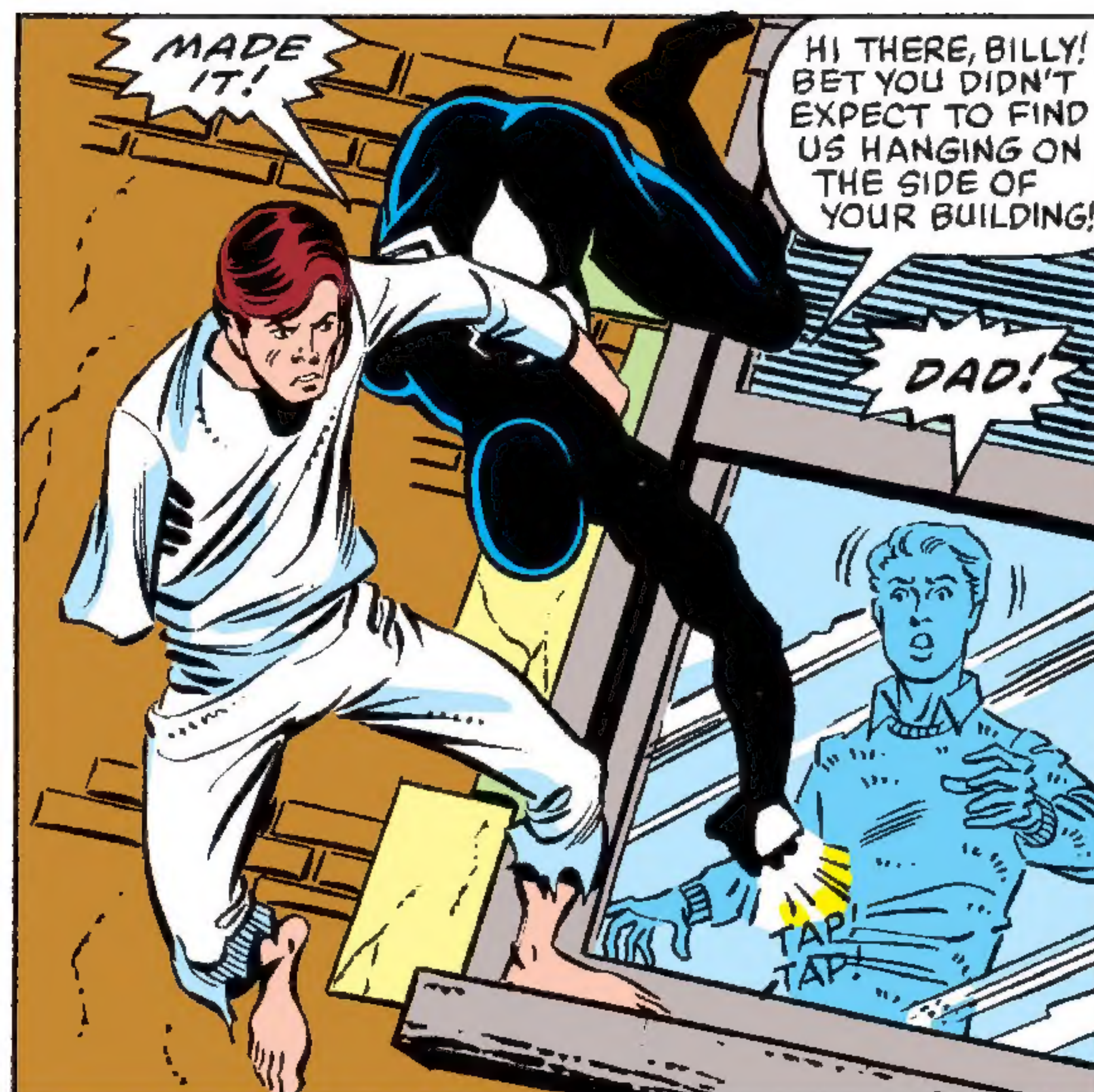
*DOES ALL THIS MAKE YOU JUST A LITTLE BIT CURIOUS? THEN PICK UP MARVEL SUPER HEROES SECRET WARS --DANNY.

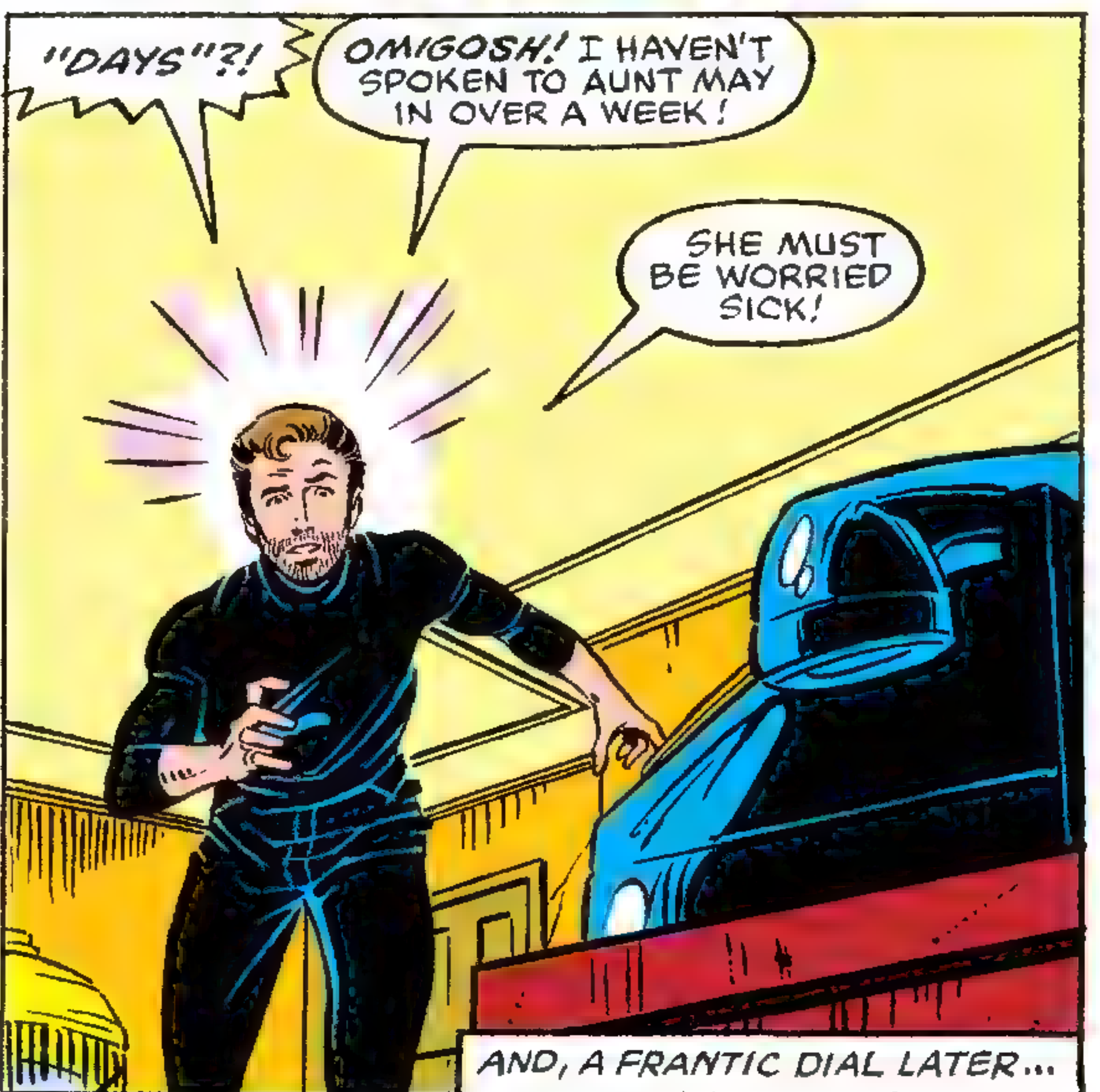
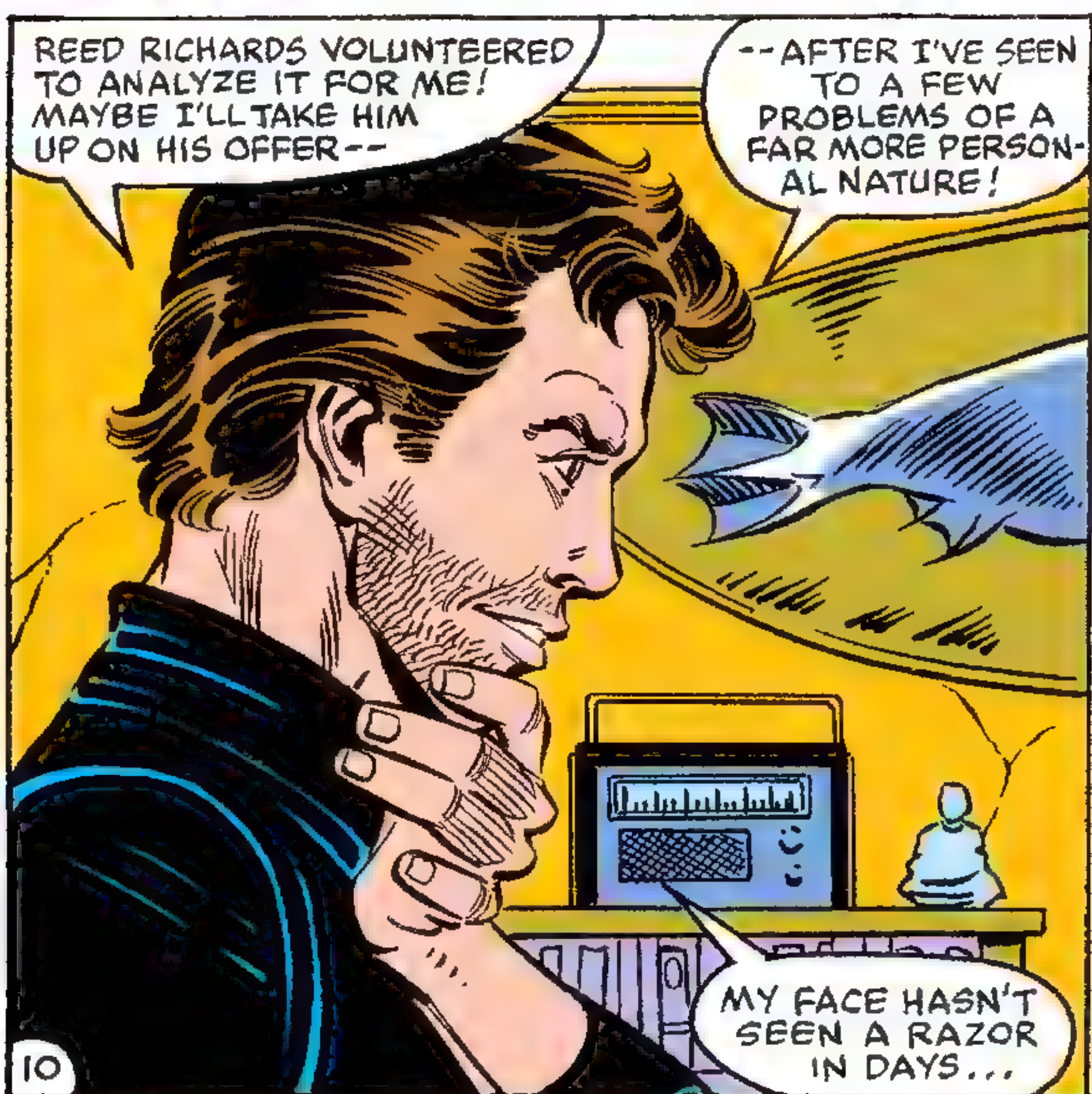
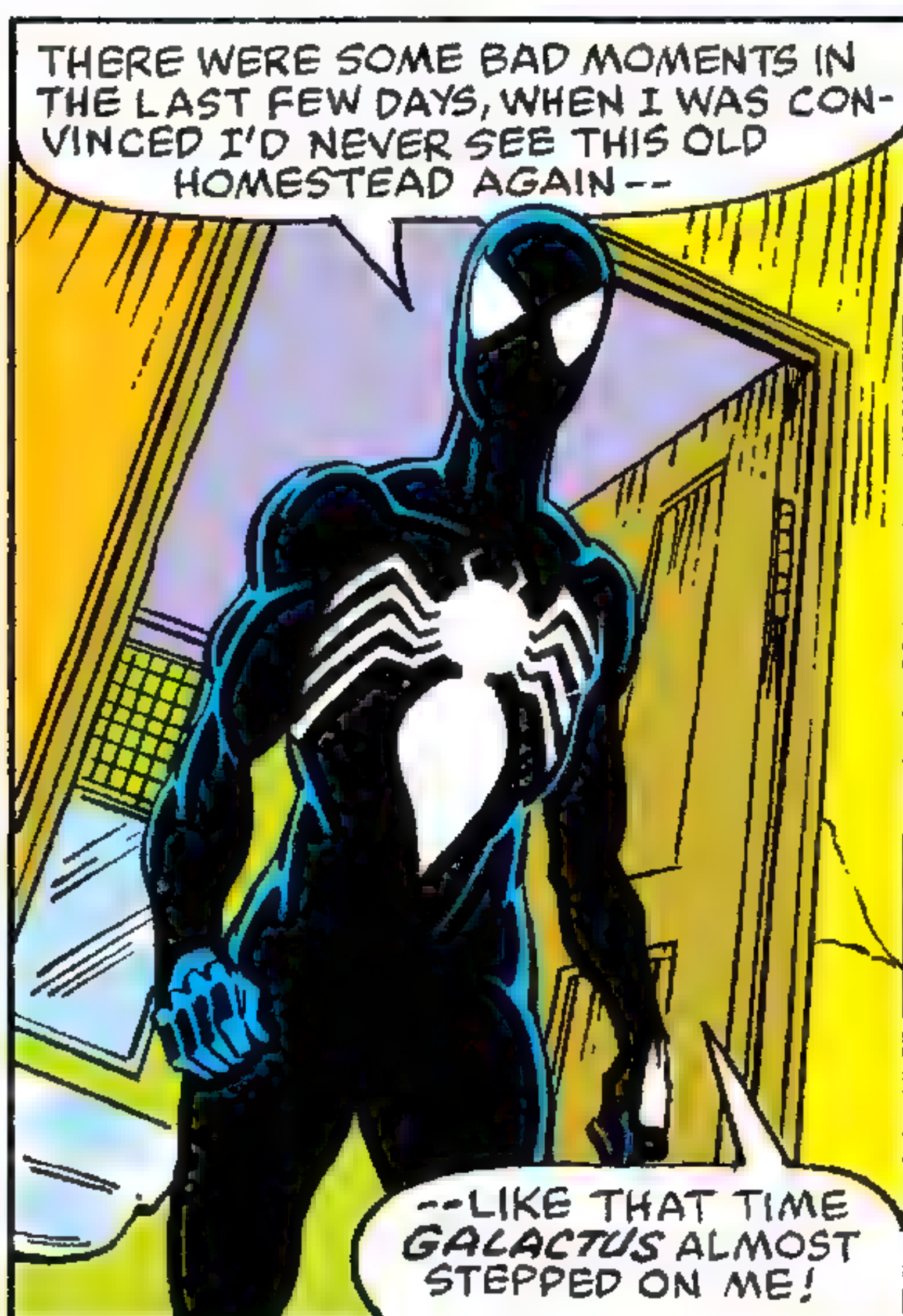
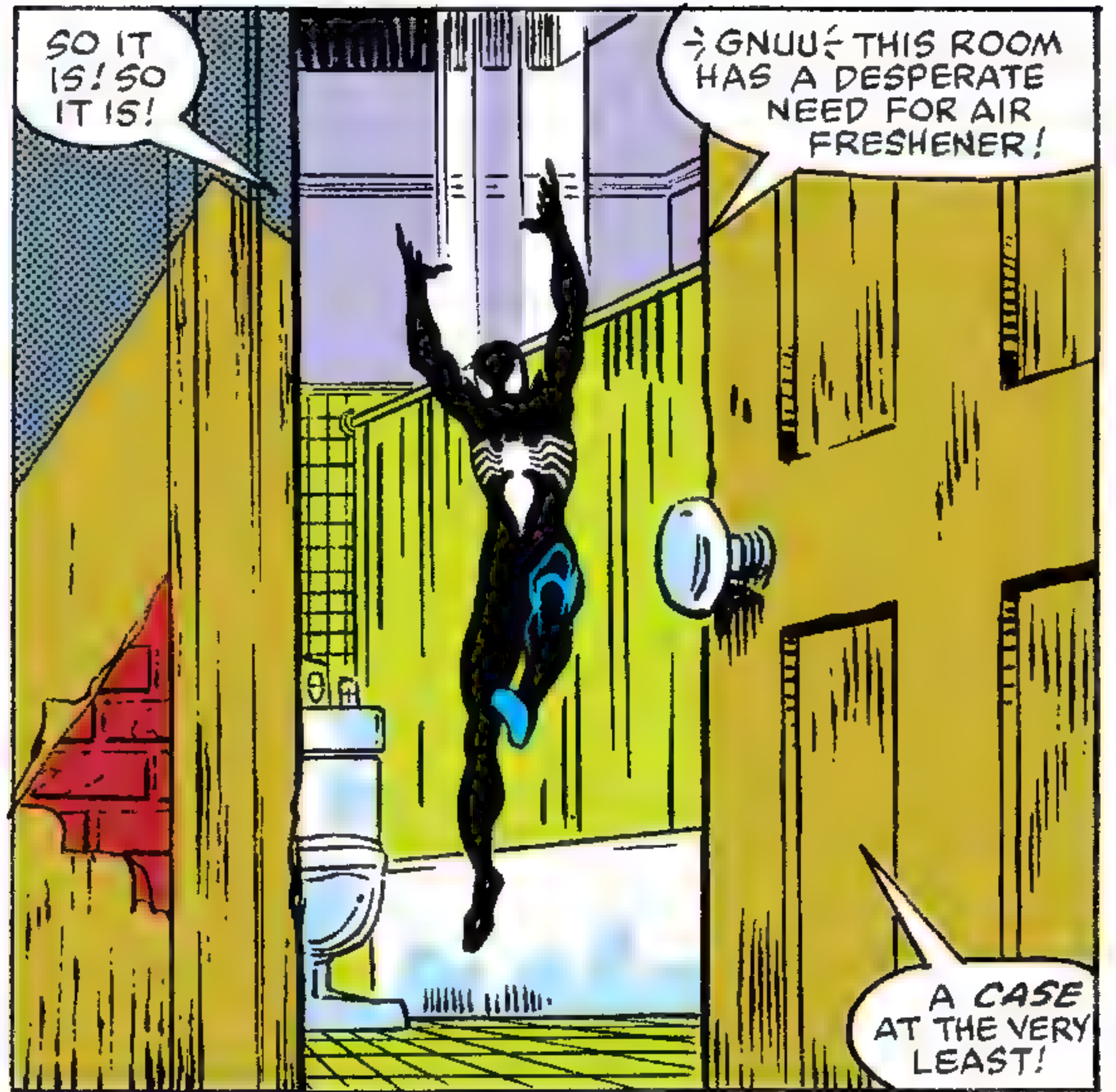
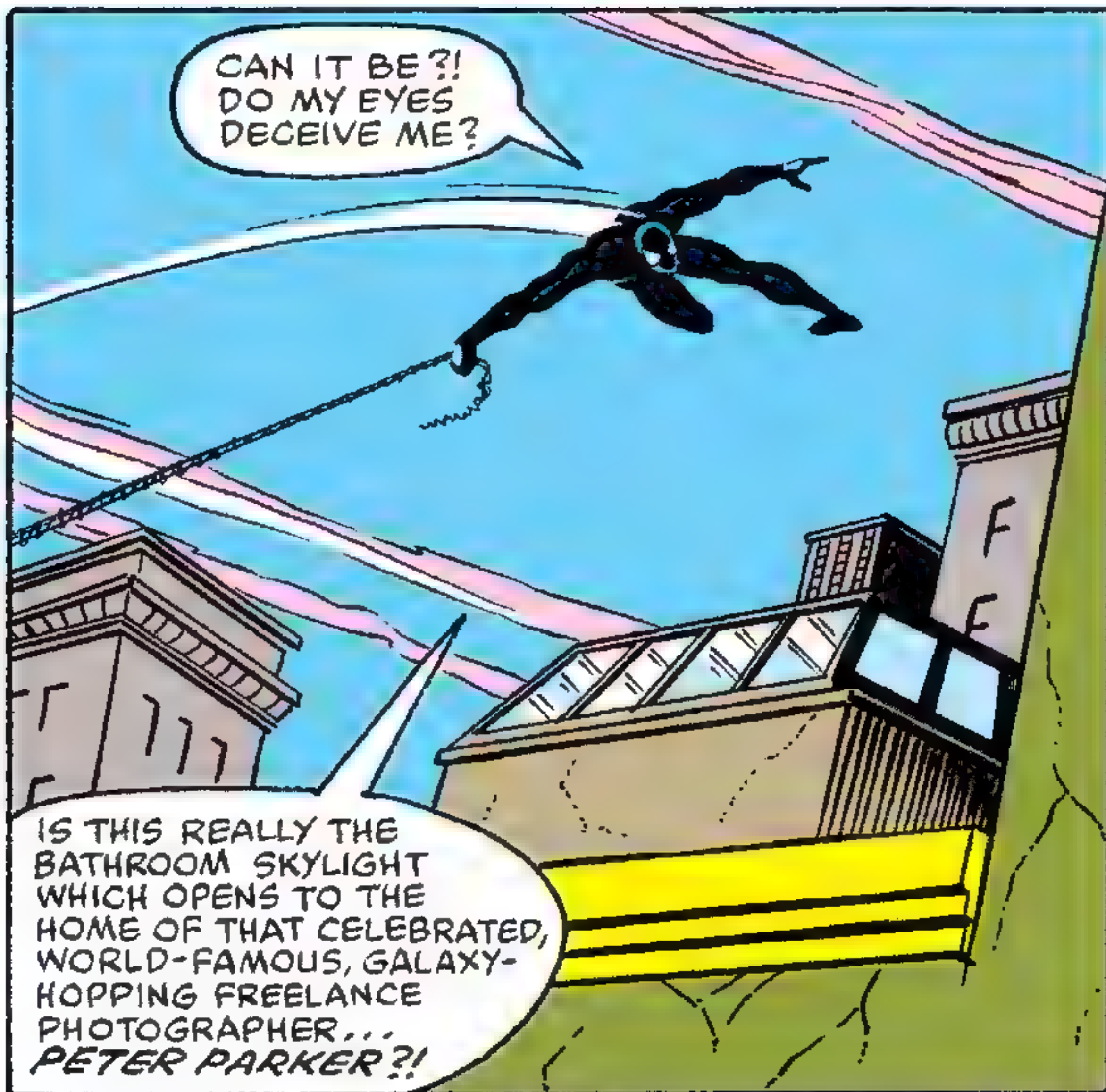
SOON, NEAR THE EDGE OF THE PARK, SPIDER-MAN PLACES DR. CURT CONNORS UPON THE GROUND, AND THEN LEAPS UPWARD AGAIN...

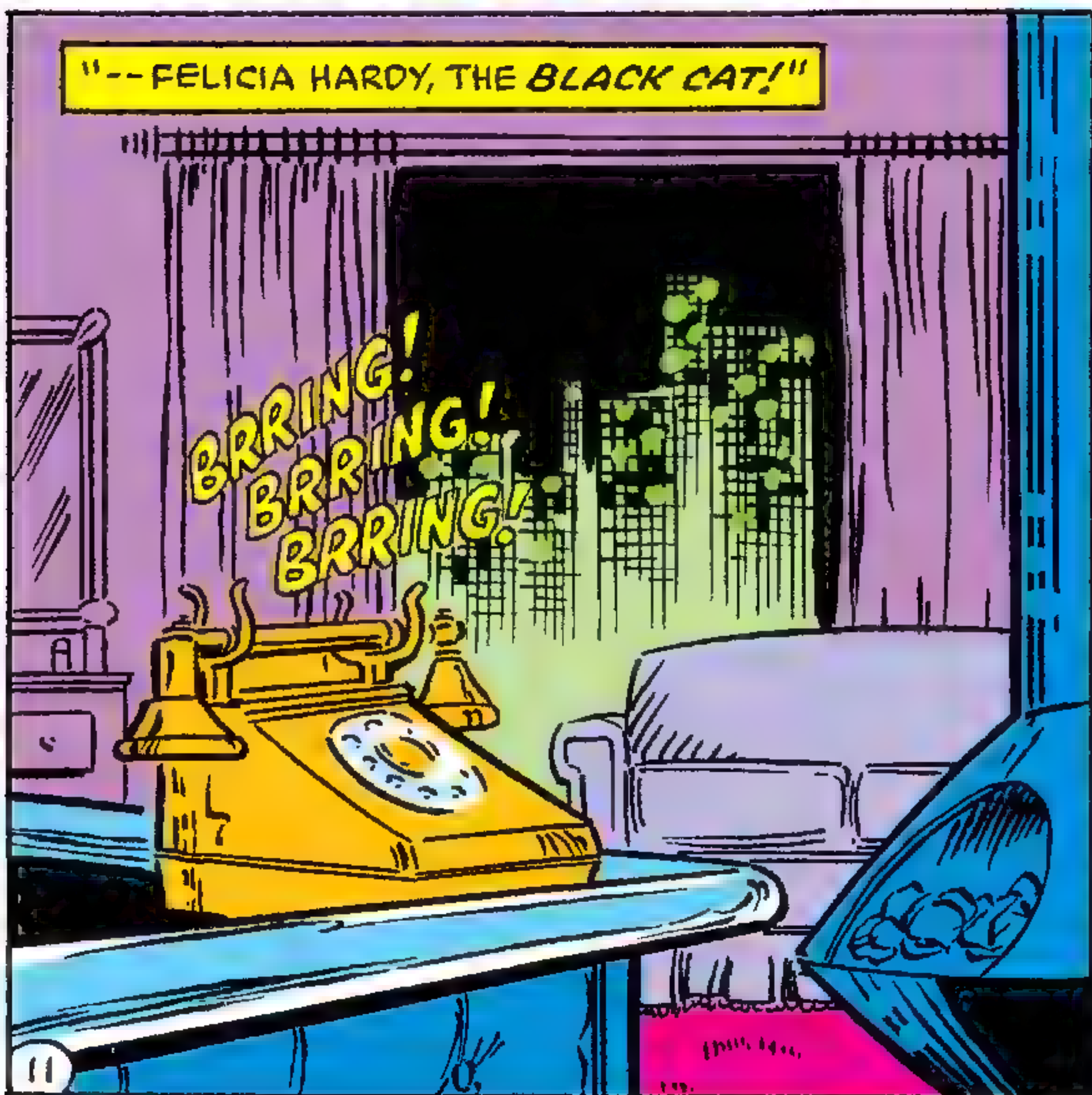
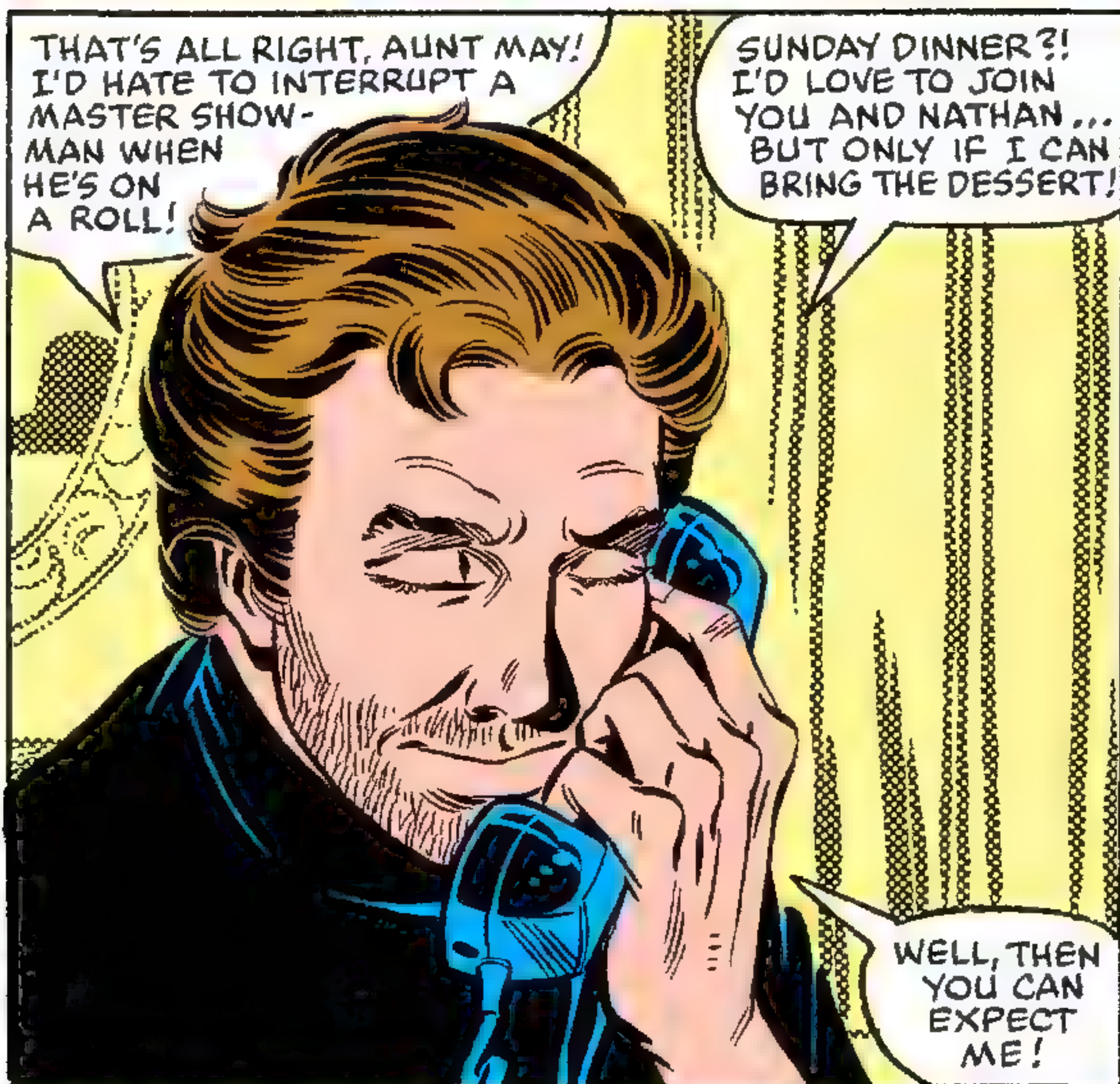
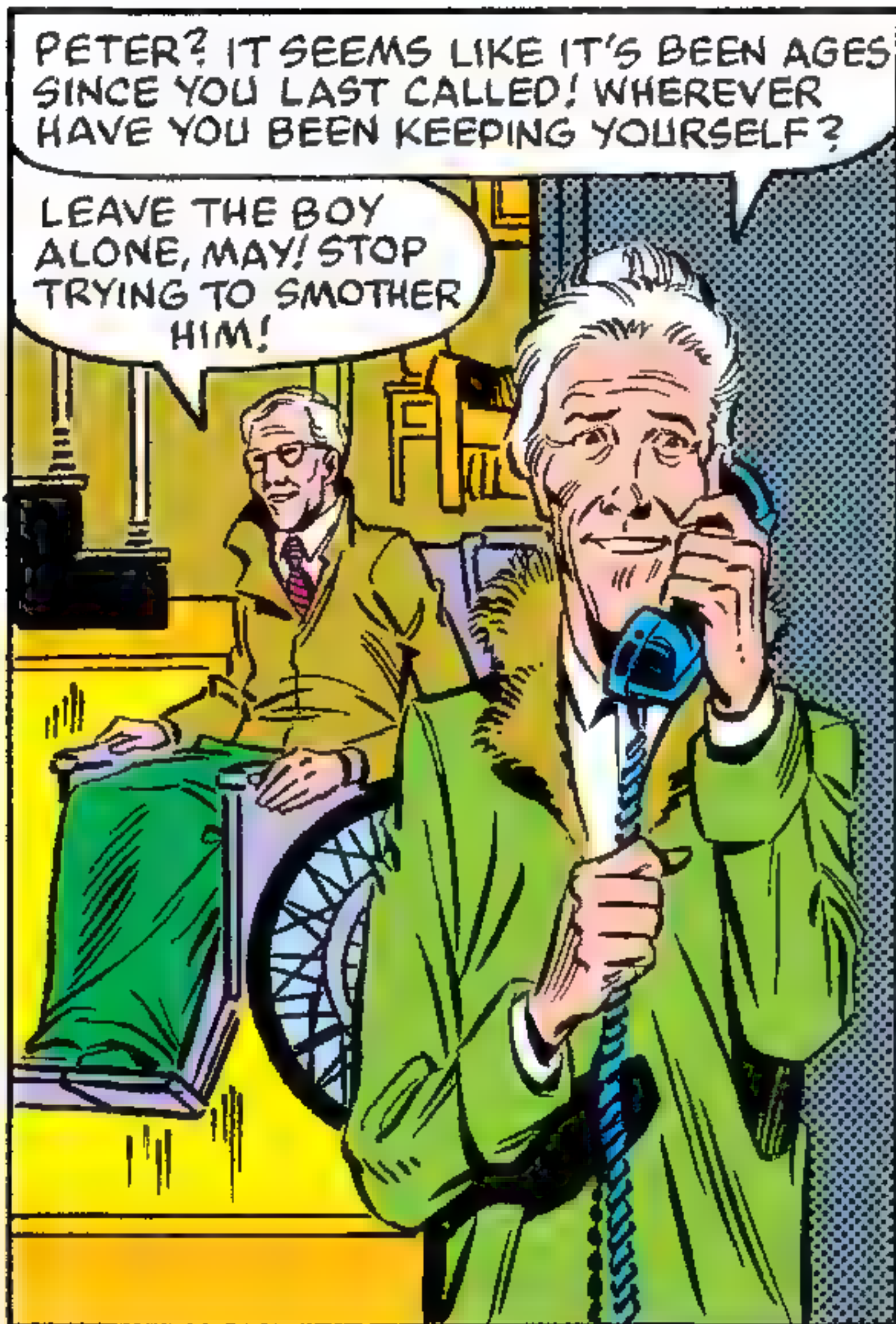


INSTANTLY REACTING TO SPIDER-MAN'S UNSPOKEN COMMAND, HIS COSTUME SUDDENLY OPENS A WIDE SEAM TO RECEIVE HIS KEYS AND WALLET...











I KNOW THAT SOMETHING HAS BEEN TROUBLING HER LATELY-- BUT SHE WON'T LET ME IN ON IT!

WHAT CAN IT BE? WHY WON'T SHE CONFIDE IN ME?!



ACCORDING TO CAPTAIN AMERICA AND THE HUMAN TORCH, SHE'S BEEN RACING AROUND TOWN-- TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO ACQUIRE SUPER-POWERS*...

...SO SHE CAN BATTLE BY MY SIDE!

THE LADY'S ASKING FOR TROUBLE... BUT SHE'S SO HEAD-STRONG...

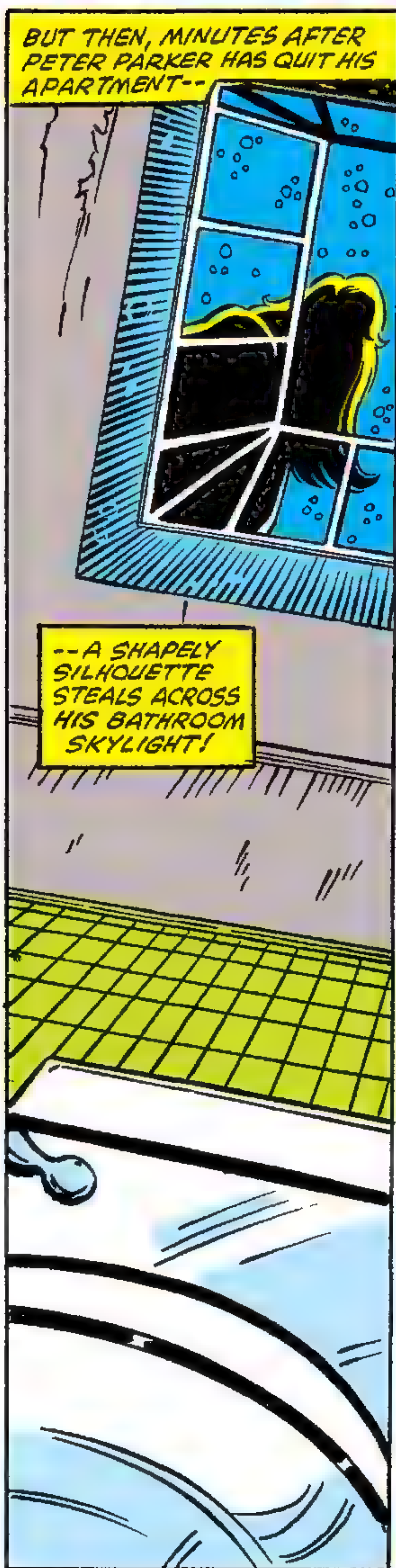
* SEE PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #89 -- DANNY.



BUT WHY COMPLAIN? I REALLY CARE FOR HER-- EVEN THOUGH SHE CAN BE SO FLAKEY AT TIMES!

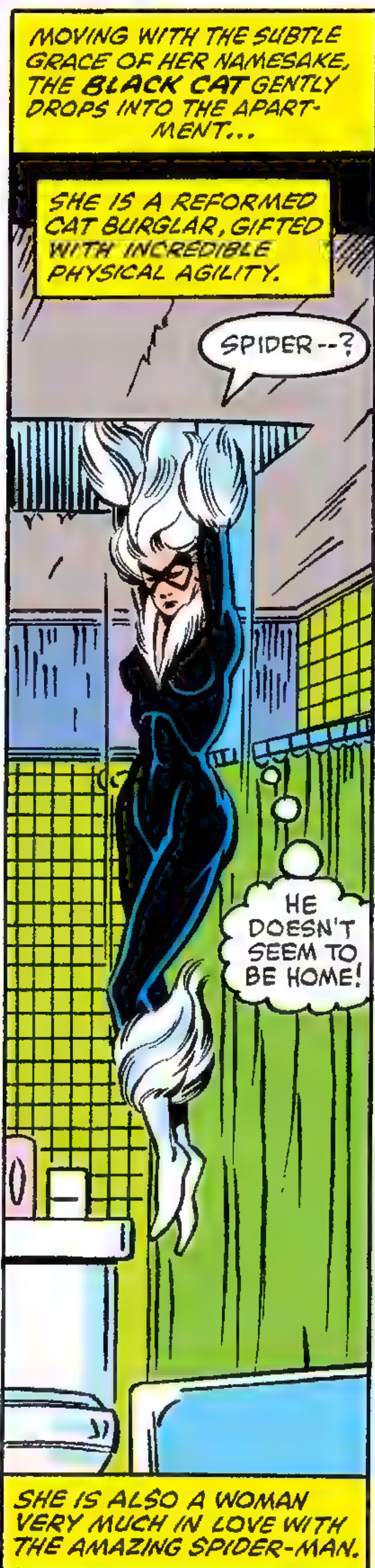
I'LL TRY TO REACH HER AGAIN LATER-- AFTER I'VE HAD A CHANCE TO CHOW DOWN!

RIGHT NOW, MY BODY CRAVES FOOD! TRAVELING ACROSS THE UNIVERSE IS HUNGRY WORK!



BUT THEN, MINUTES AFTER PETER PARKER HAS QUIT HIS APARTMENT--

-- A SHAPELY SILHOUETTE STEALS ACROSS HIS BATHROOM SKYLIGHT!



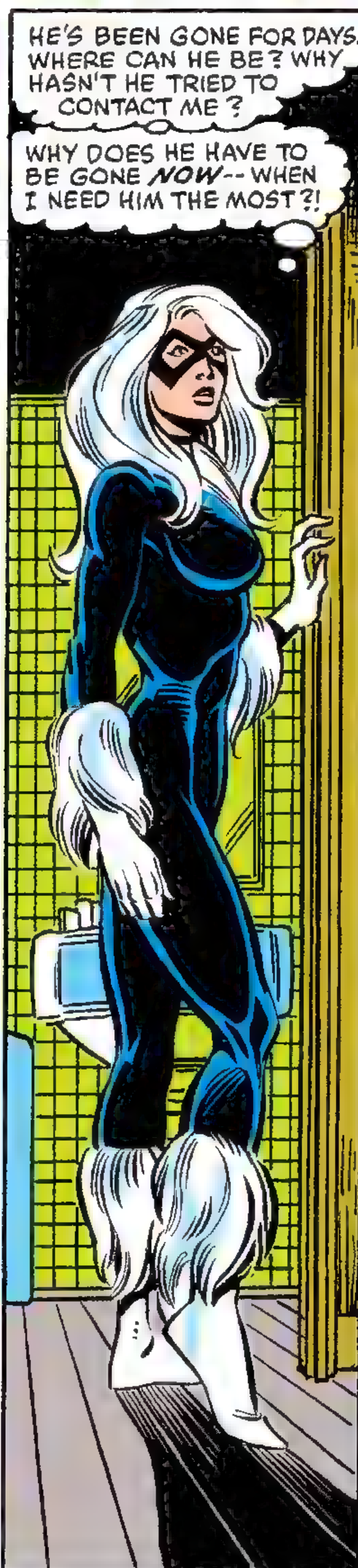
MOVING WITH THE SUBTLE GRACE OF HER NAMESAKE, THE BLACK CAT GENTLY DROPS INTO THE APARTMENT...

SHE IS A REFORMED CAT BURGLAR, GIFTED WITH INCREDIBLE PHYSICAL AGILITY.

SPIDER--?

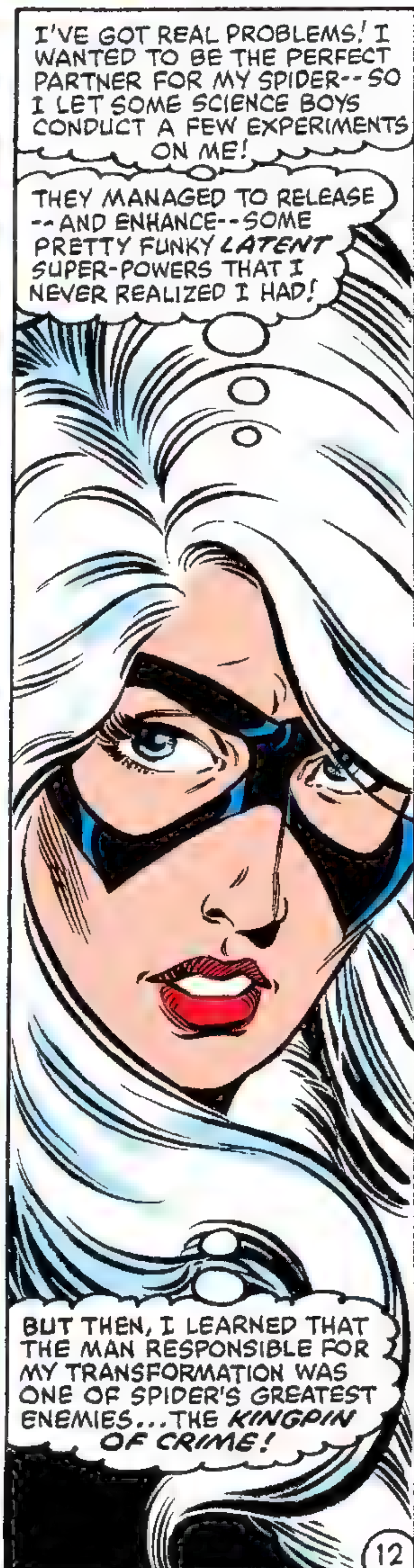
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE HOME!

SHE IS ALSO A WOMAN VERY MUCH IN LOVE WITH THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN.



HE'S BEEN GONE FOR DAYS! WHERE CAN HE BE? WHY HASN'T HE TRIED TO CONTACT ME?

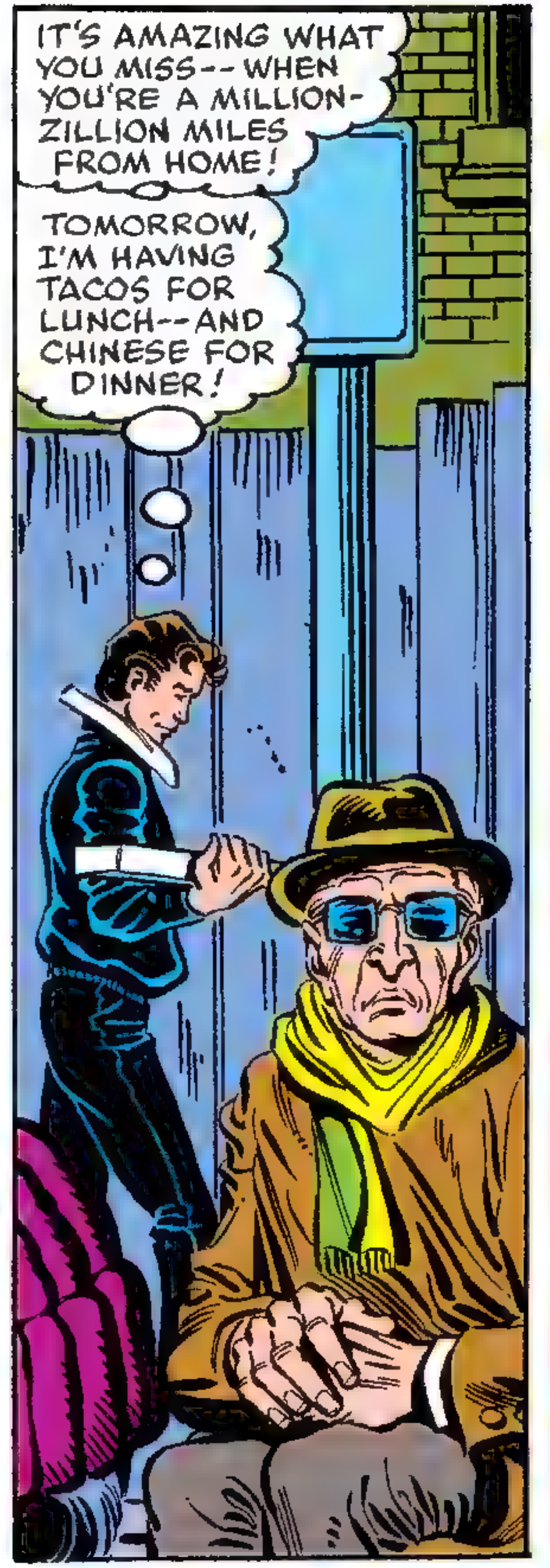
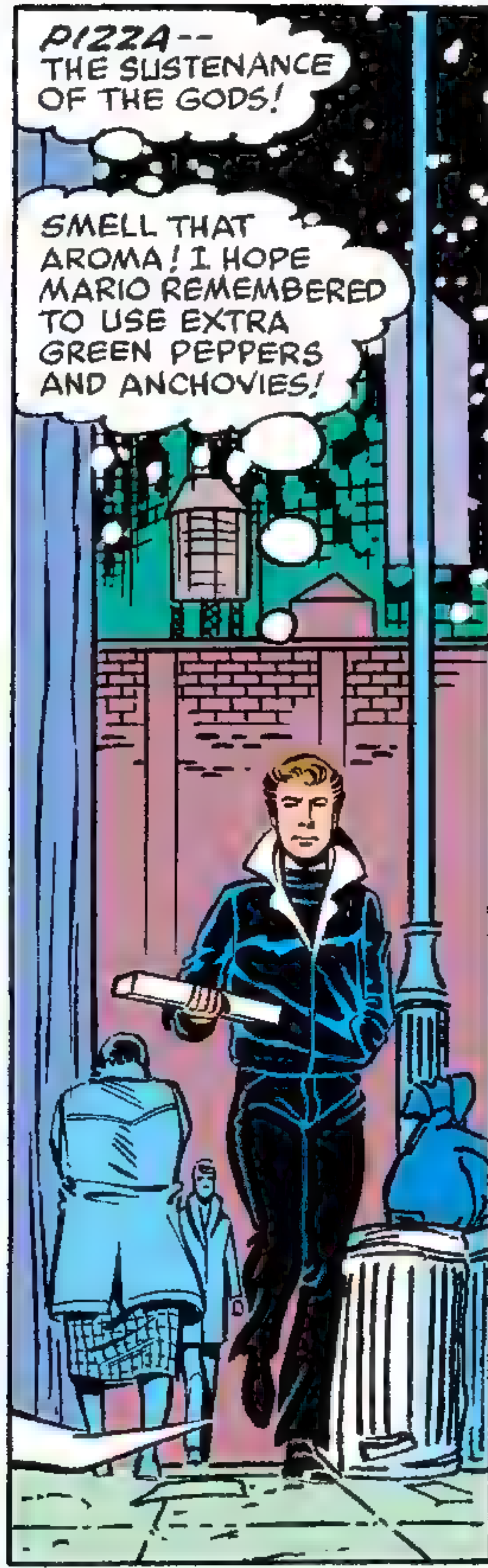
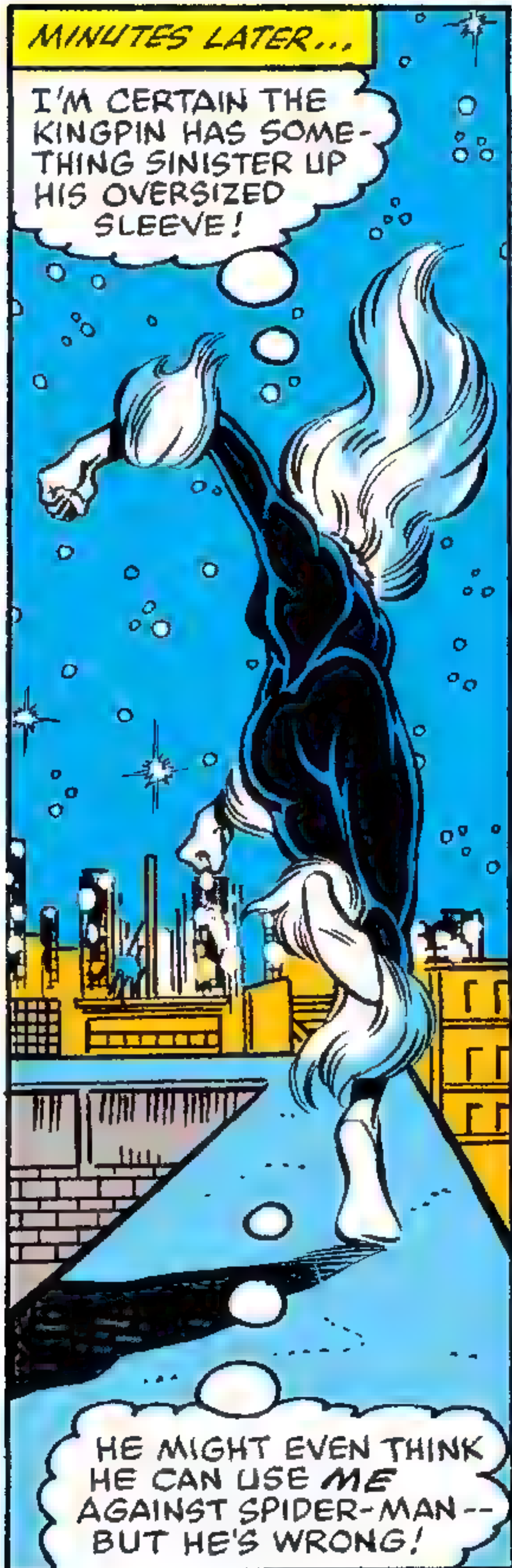
WHY DOES HE HAVE TO BE GONE NOW-- WHEN I NEED HIM THE MOST?!

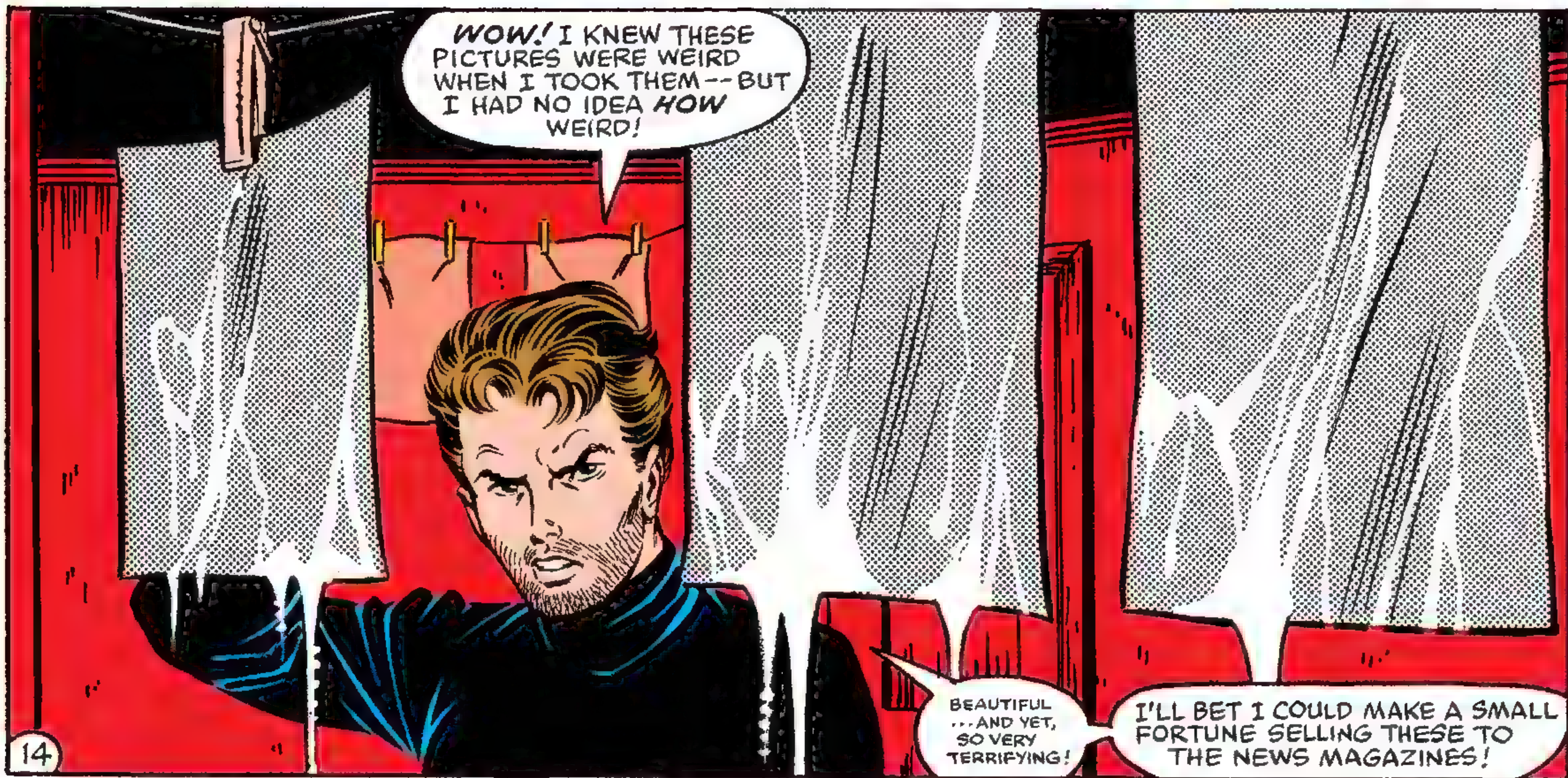
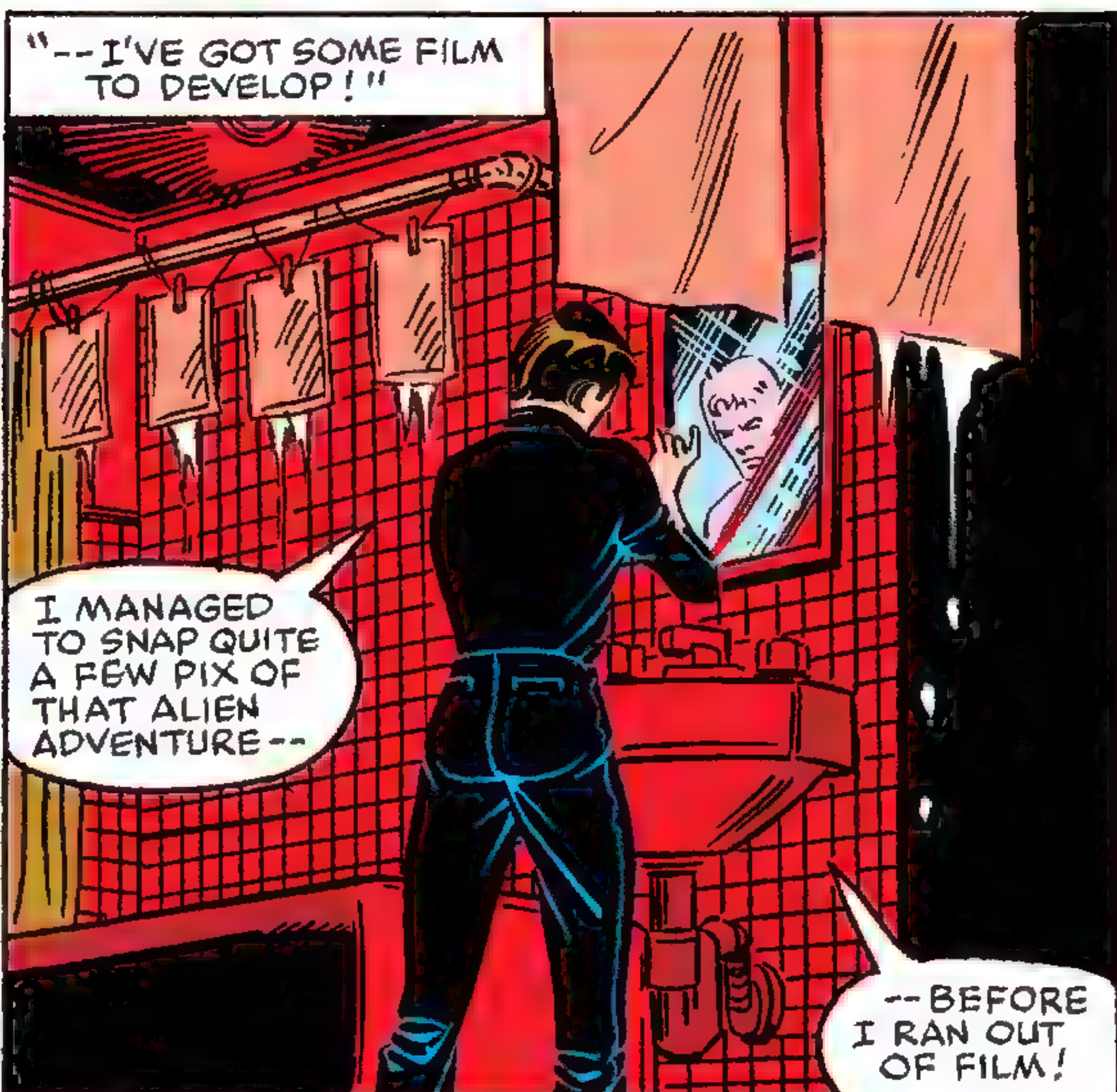
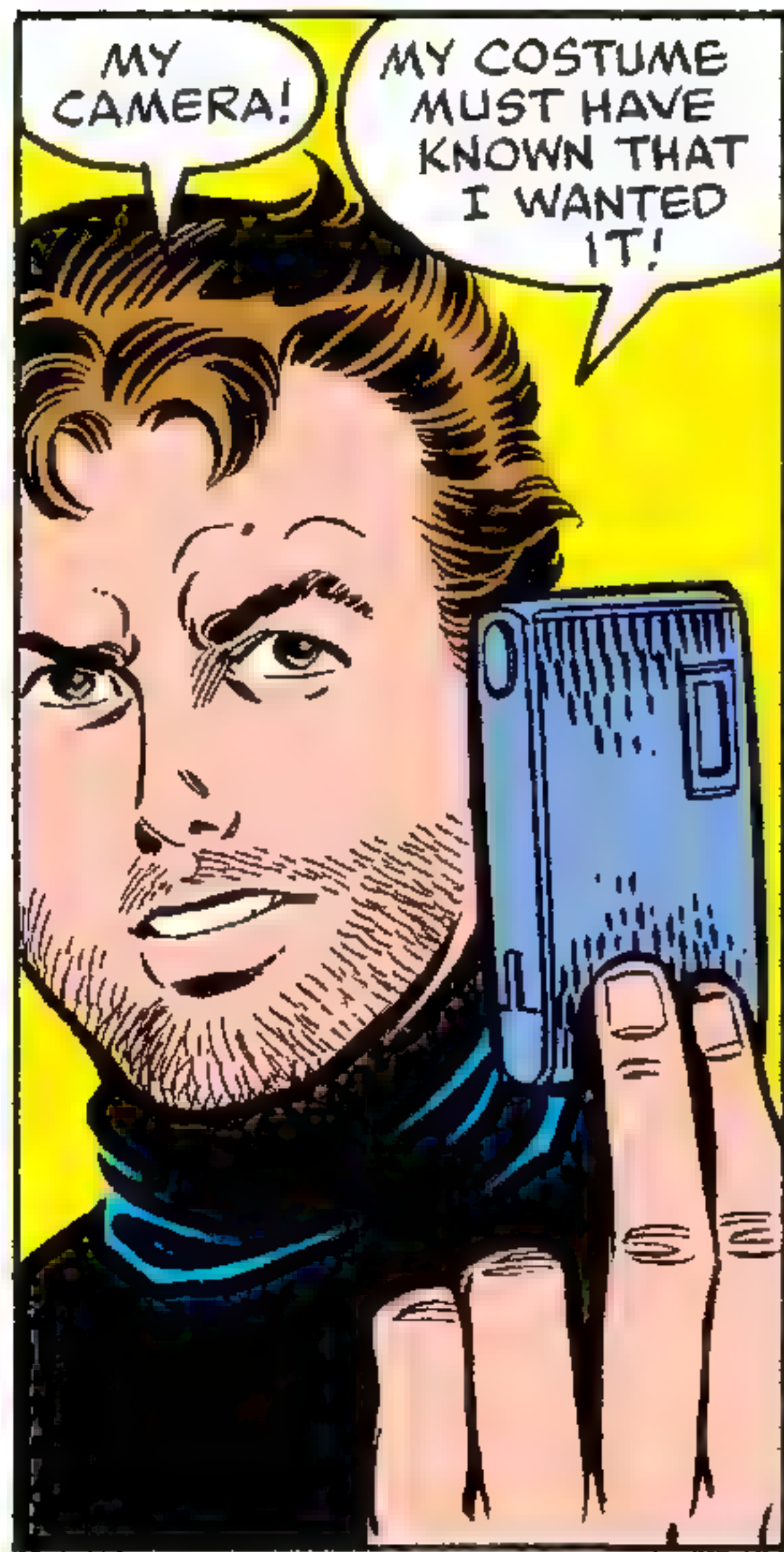
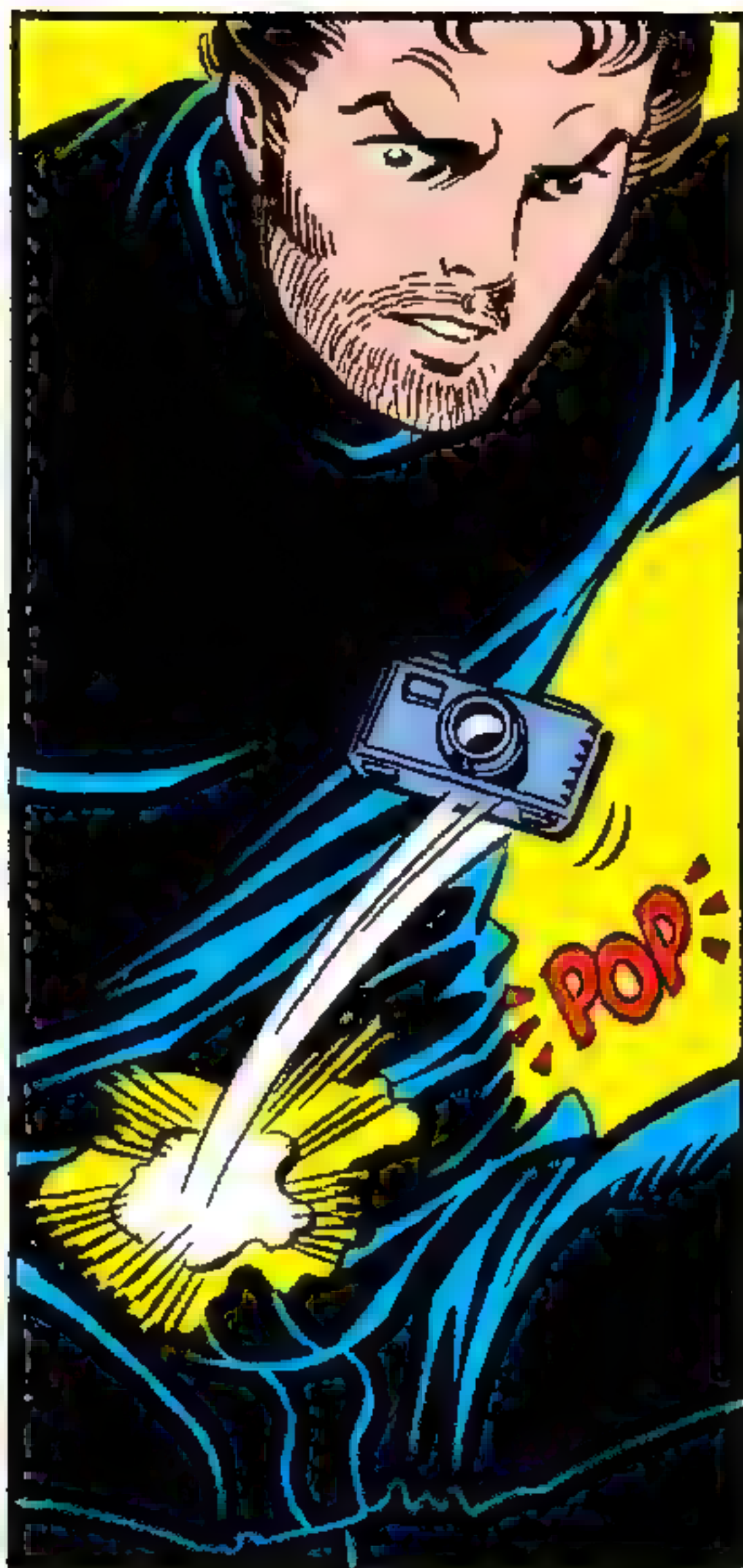
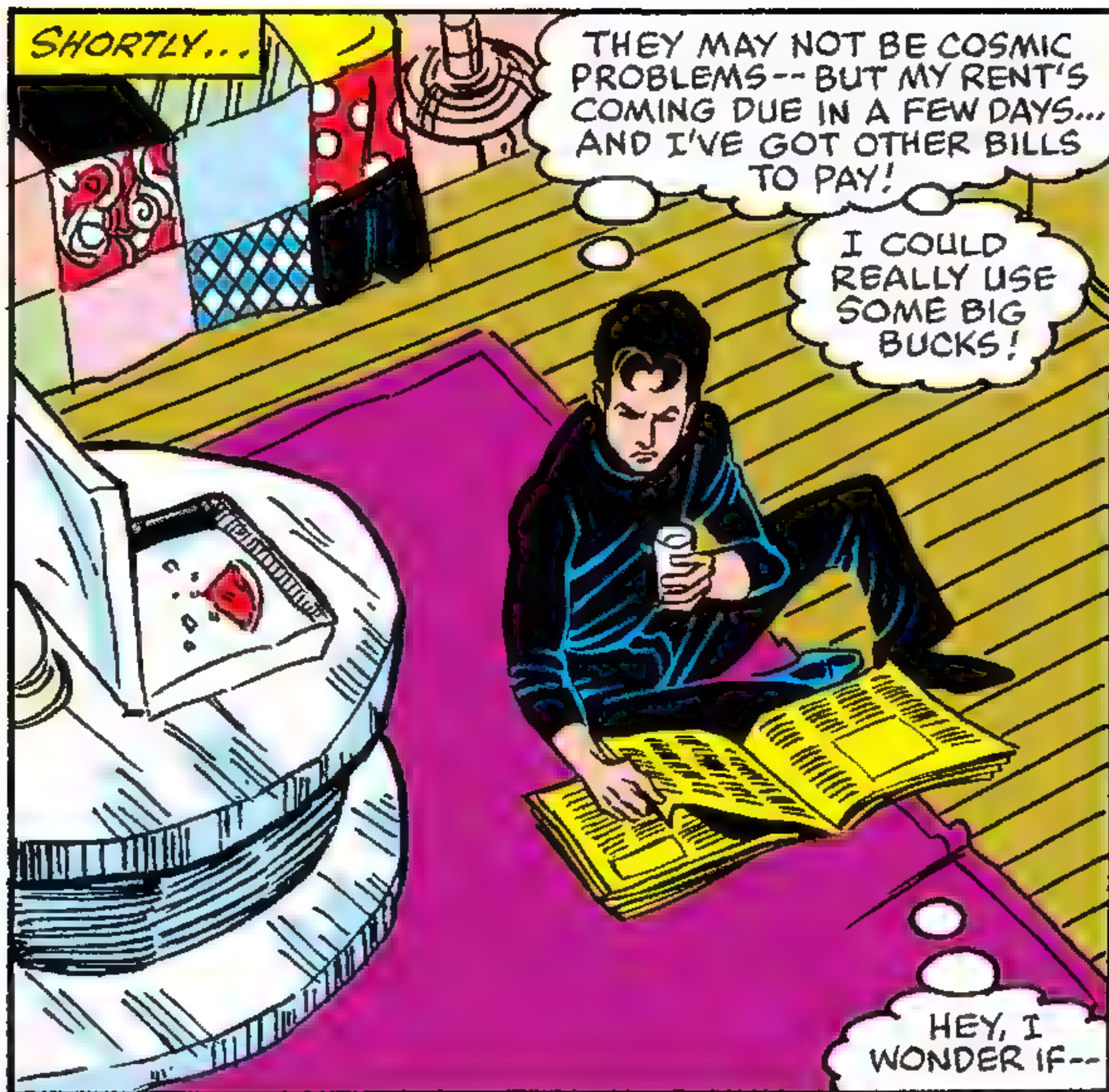


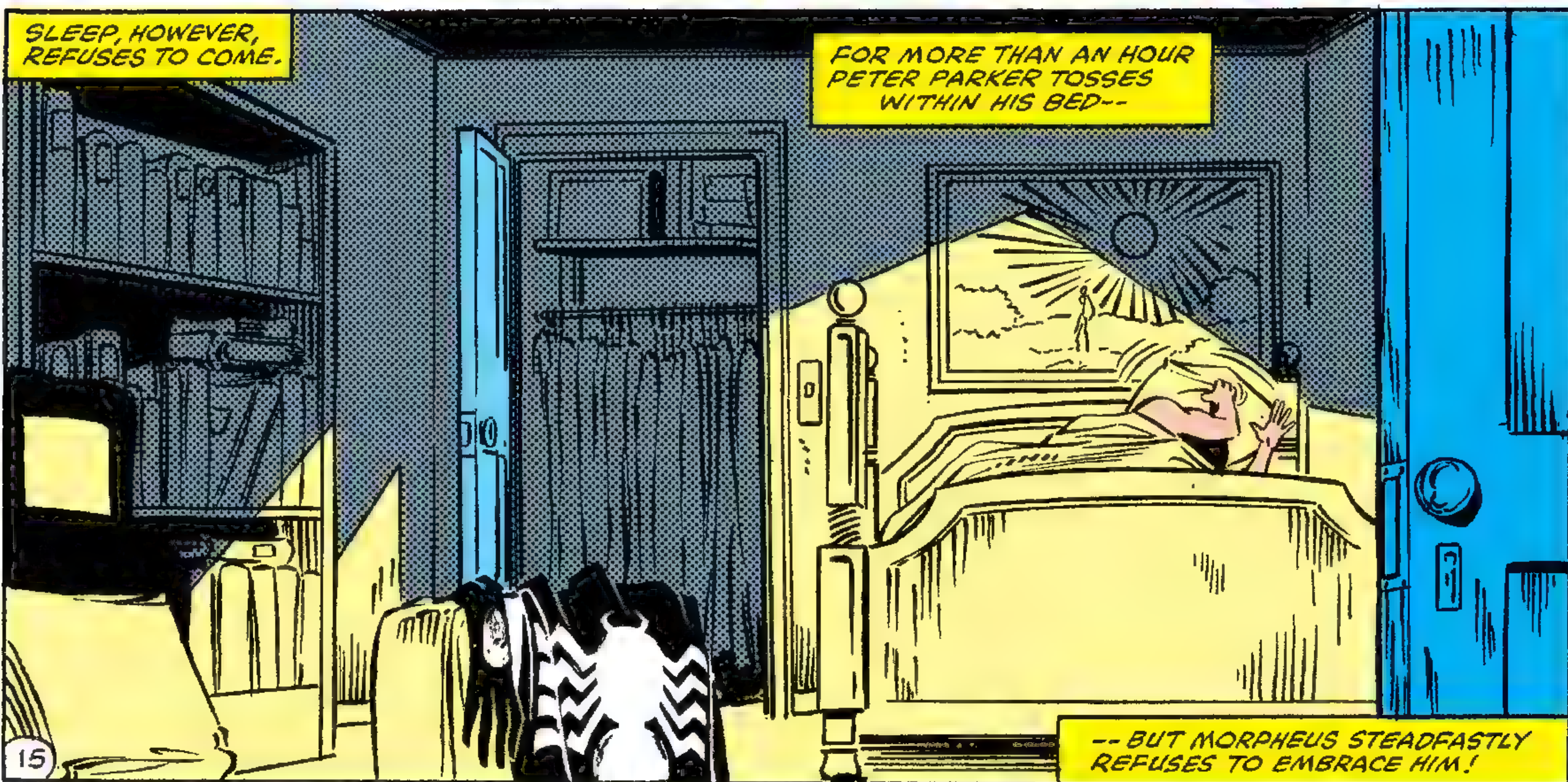
I'VE GOT REAL PROBLEMS! I WANTED TO BE THE PERFECT PARTNER FOR MY SPIDER-- SO I LET SOME SCIENCE BOYS CONDUCT A FEW EXPERIMENTS ON ME!

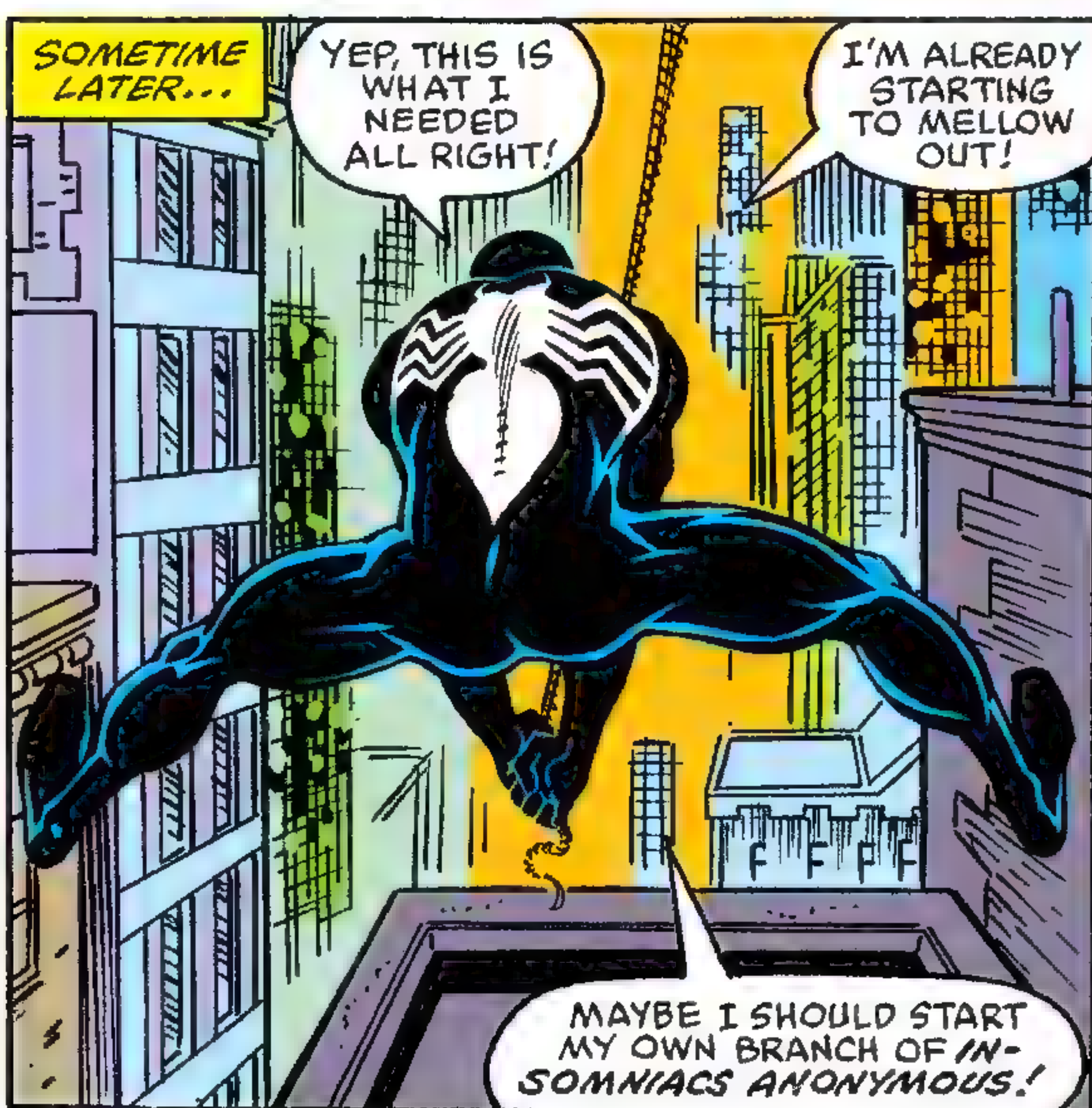
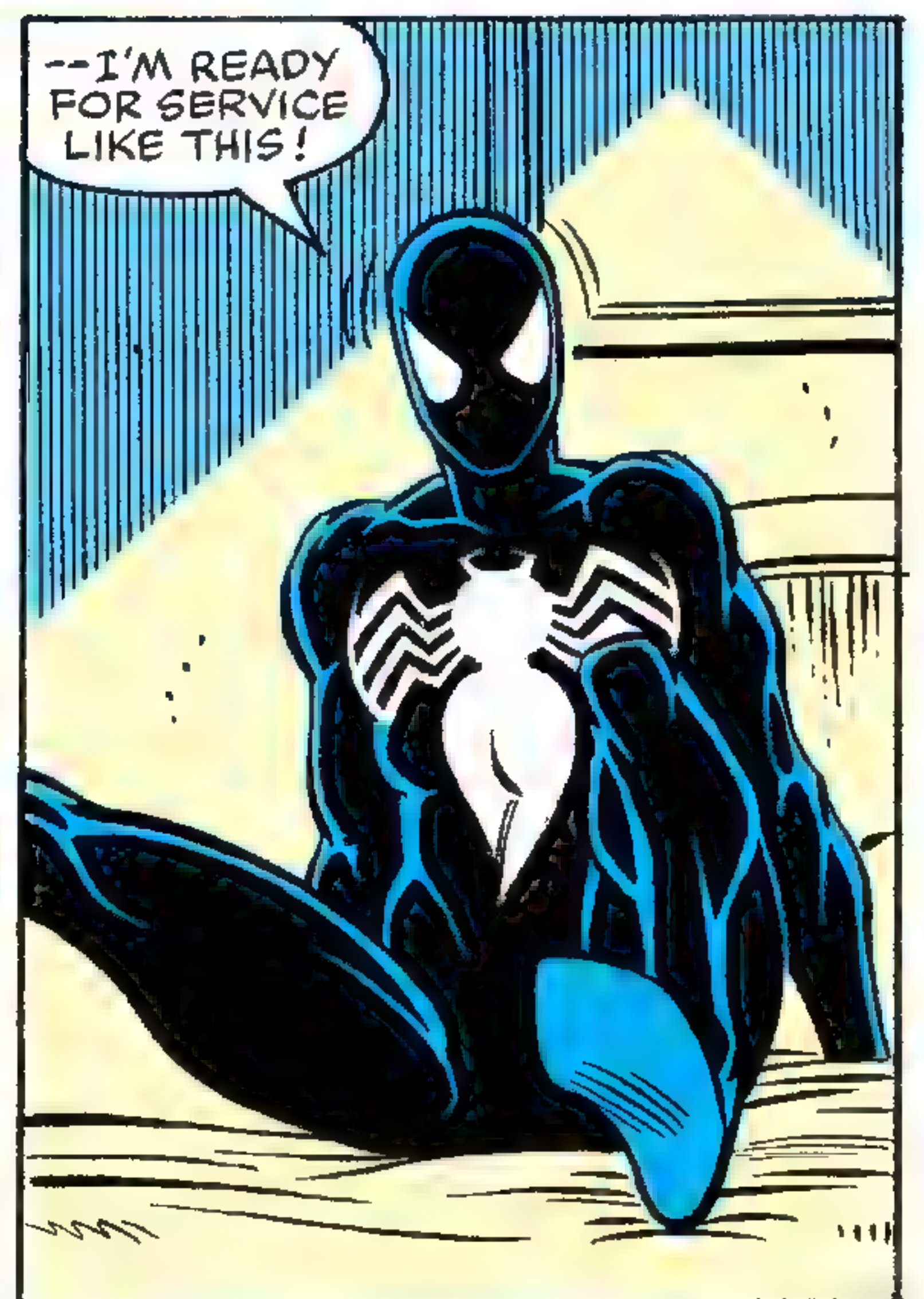
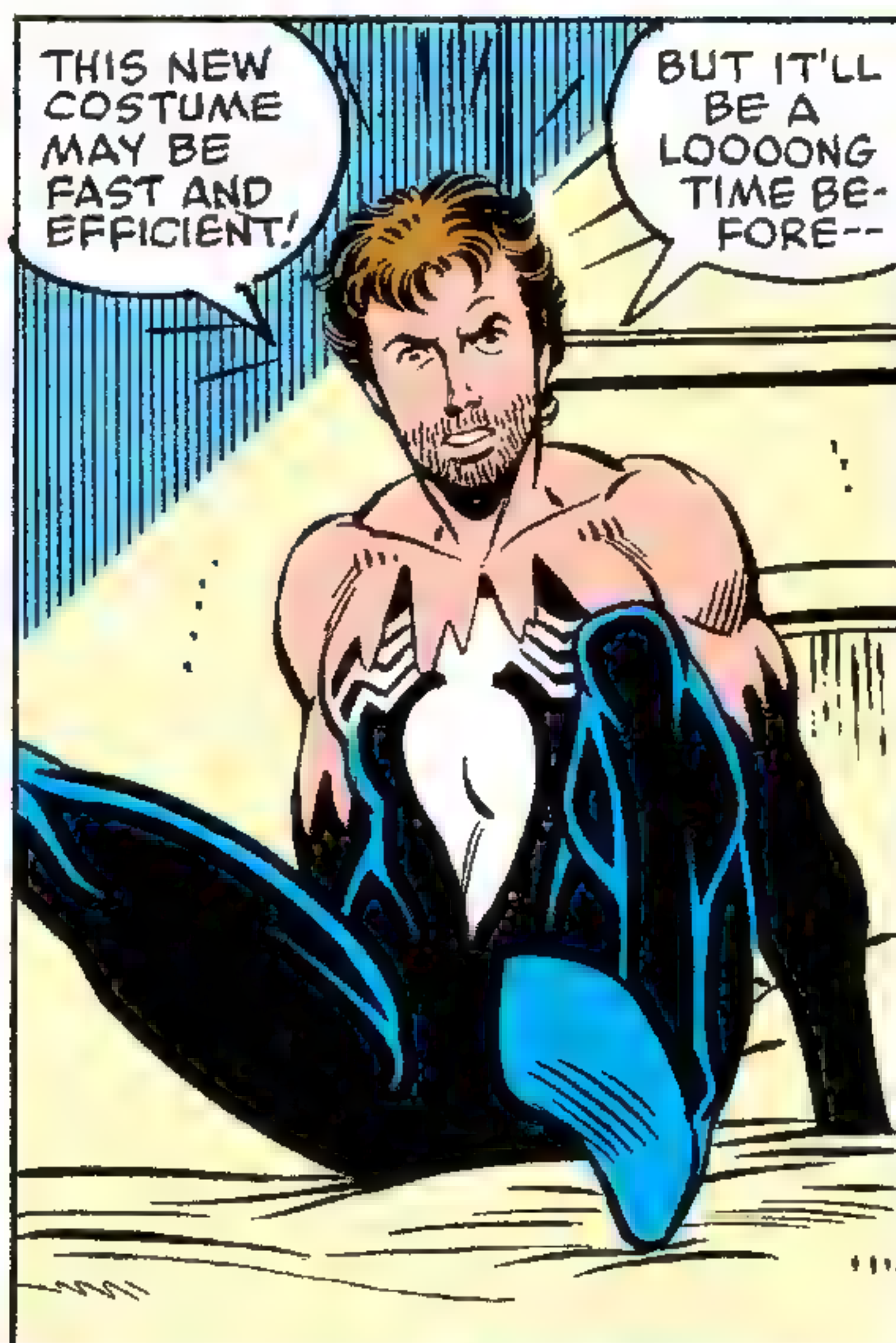
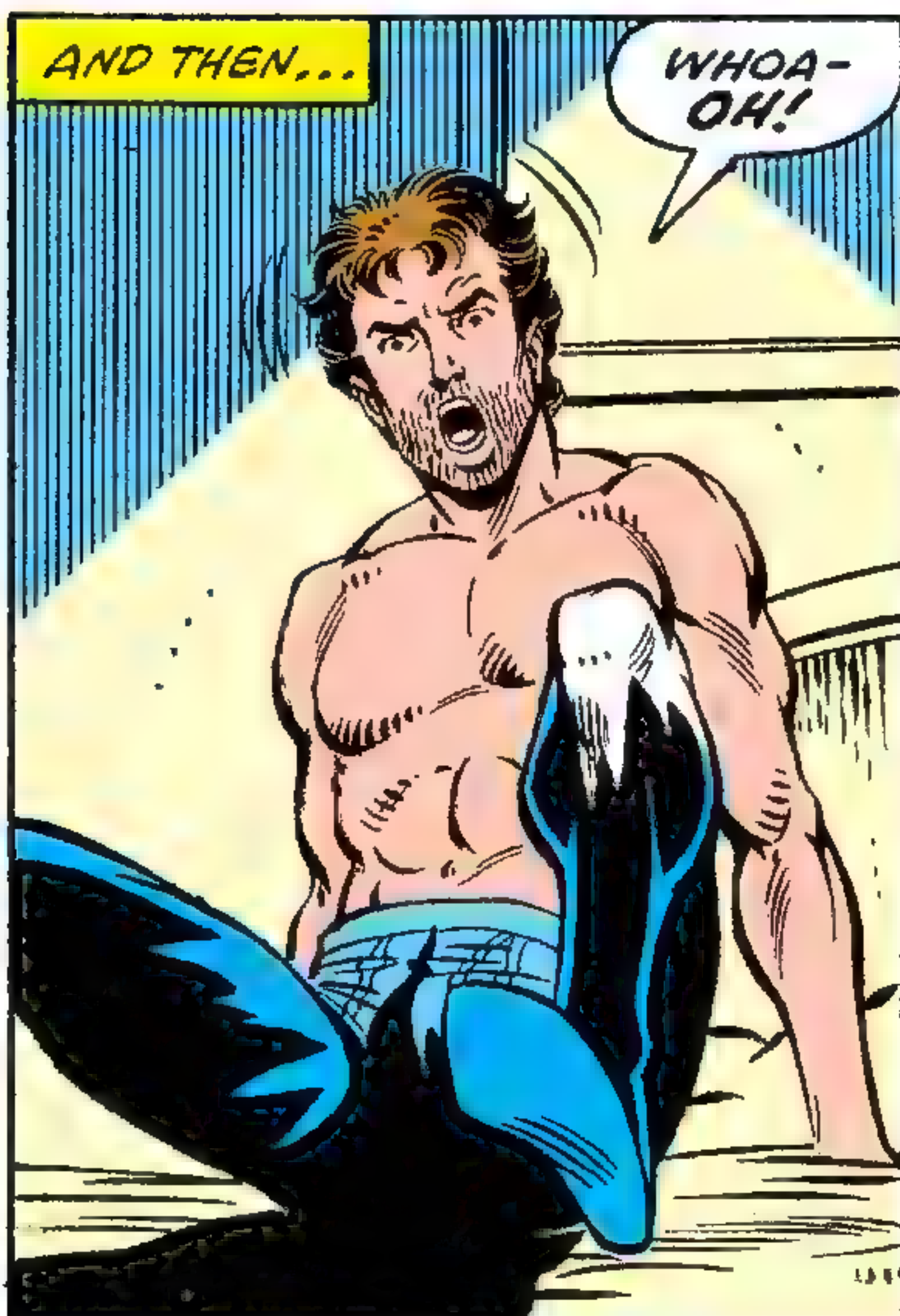
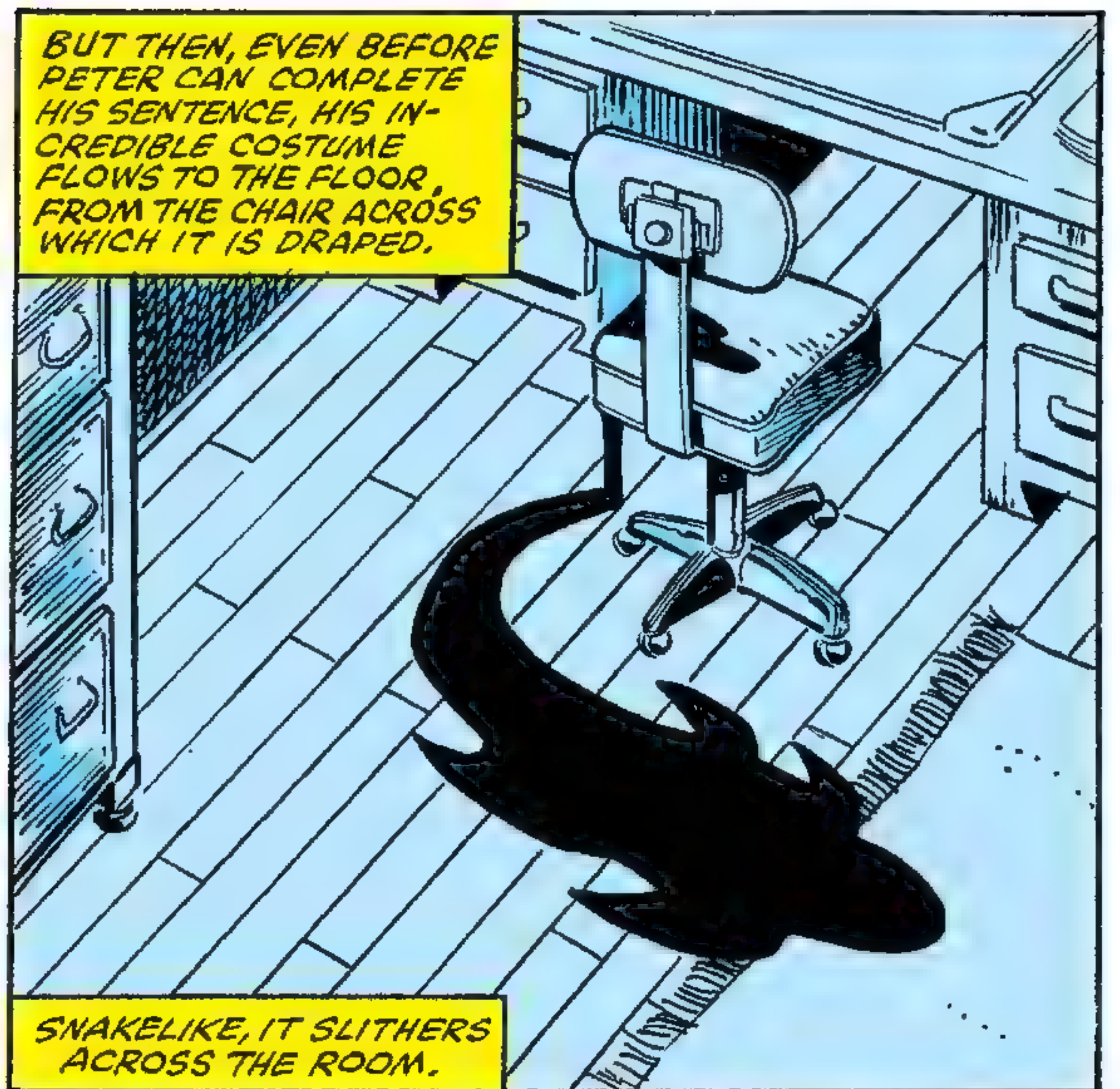
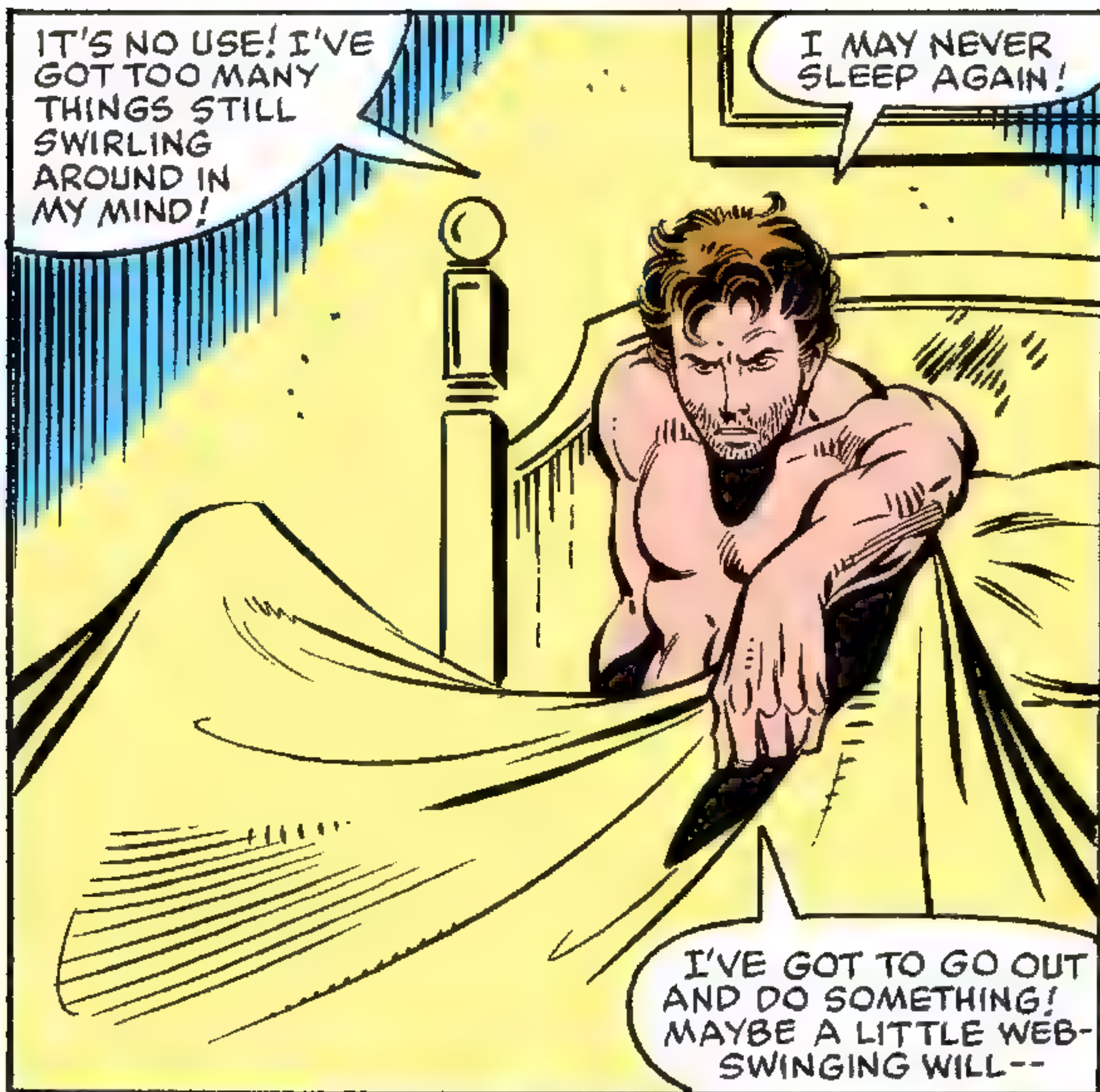
THEY MANAGED TO RELEASE -- AND ENHANCE-- SOME PRETTY FUNKY LATENT SUPER-POWERS THAT I NEVER REALIZED I HAD!

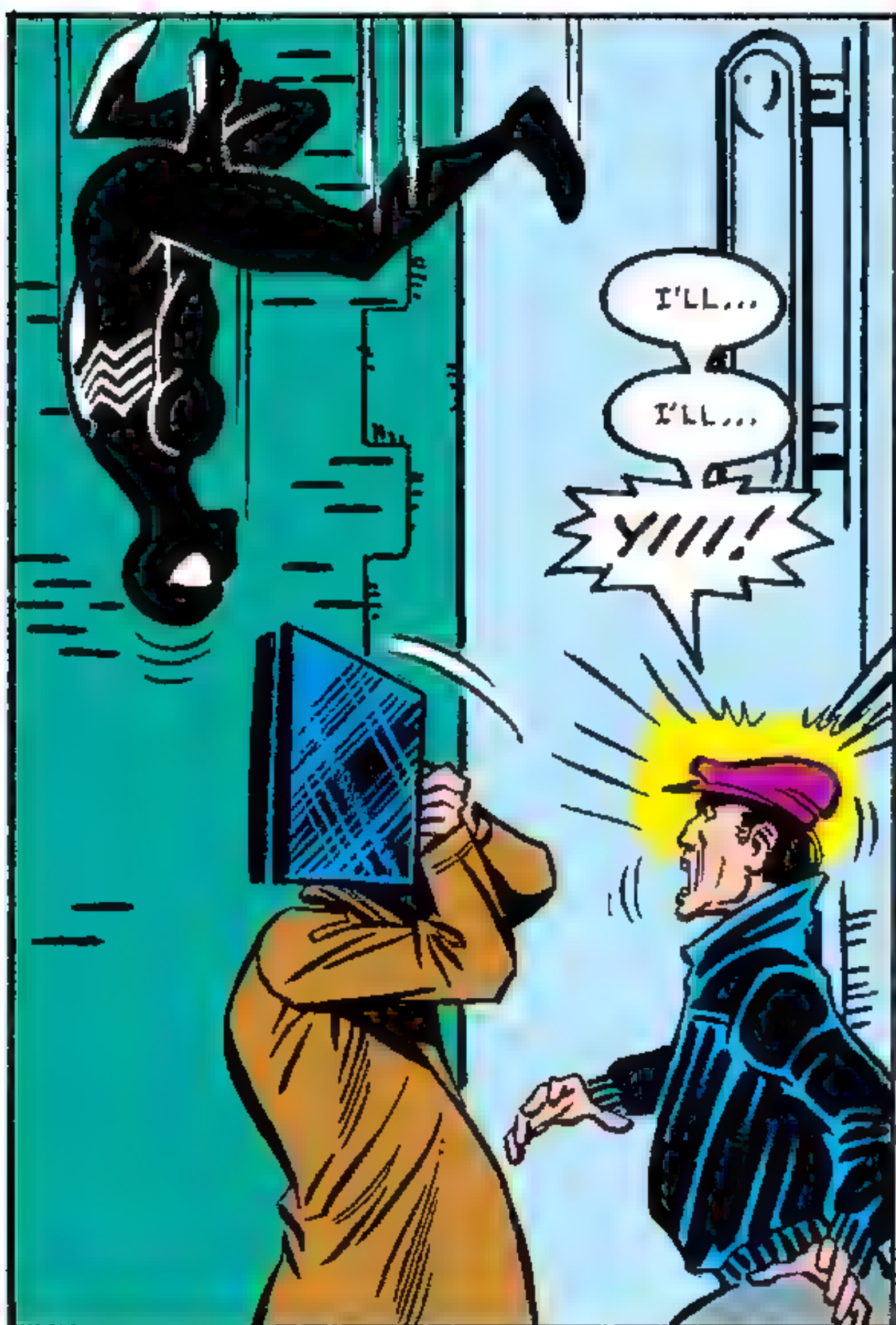
BUT THEN, I LEARNED THAT THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR MY TRANSFORMATION WAS ONE OF SPIDER'S GREATEST ENEMIES... THE KINGPIN OF CRIME!







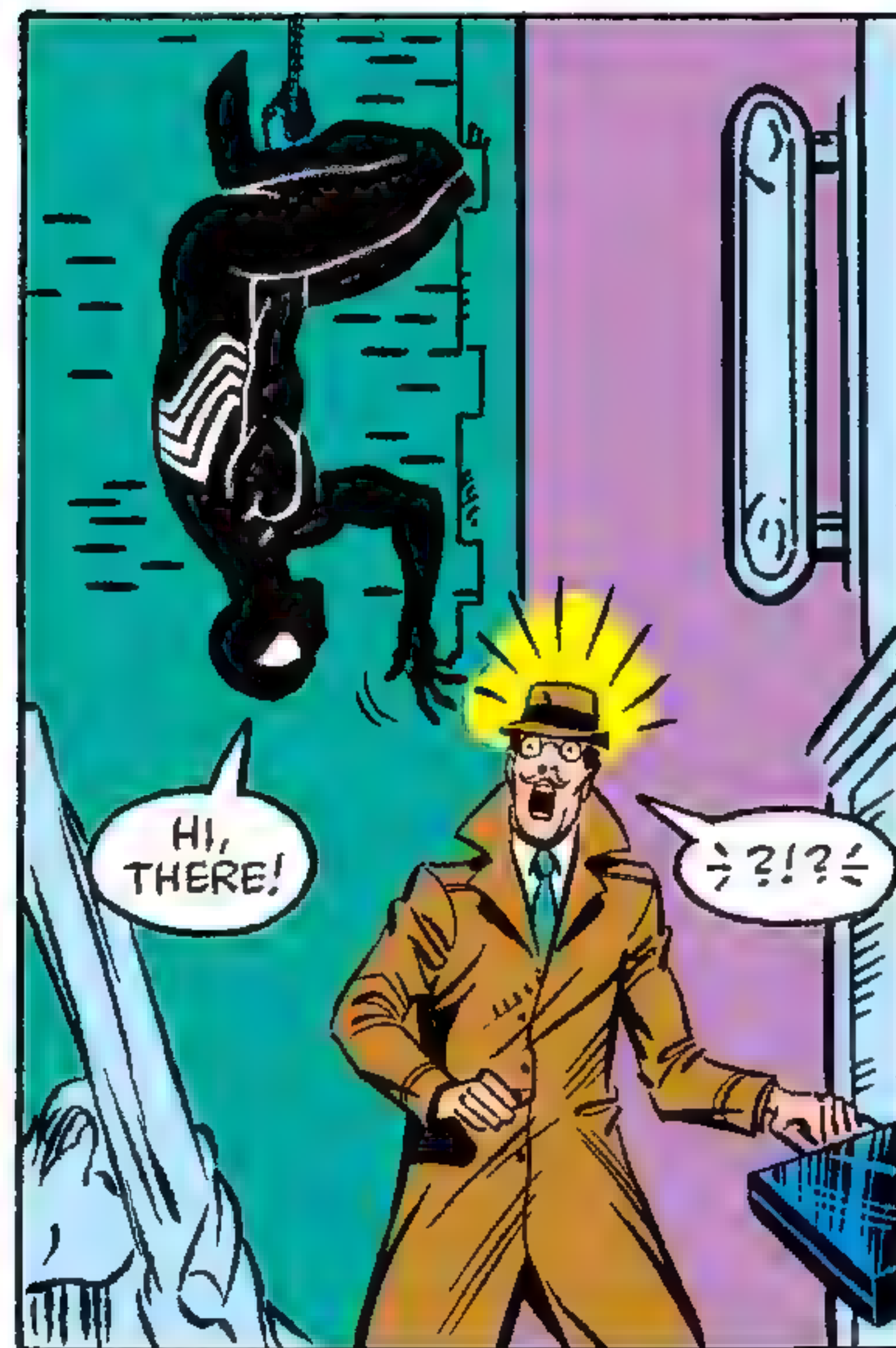




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I'LL...
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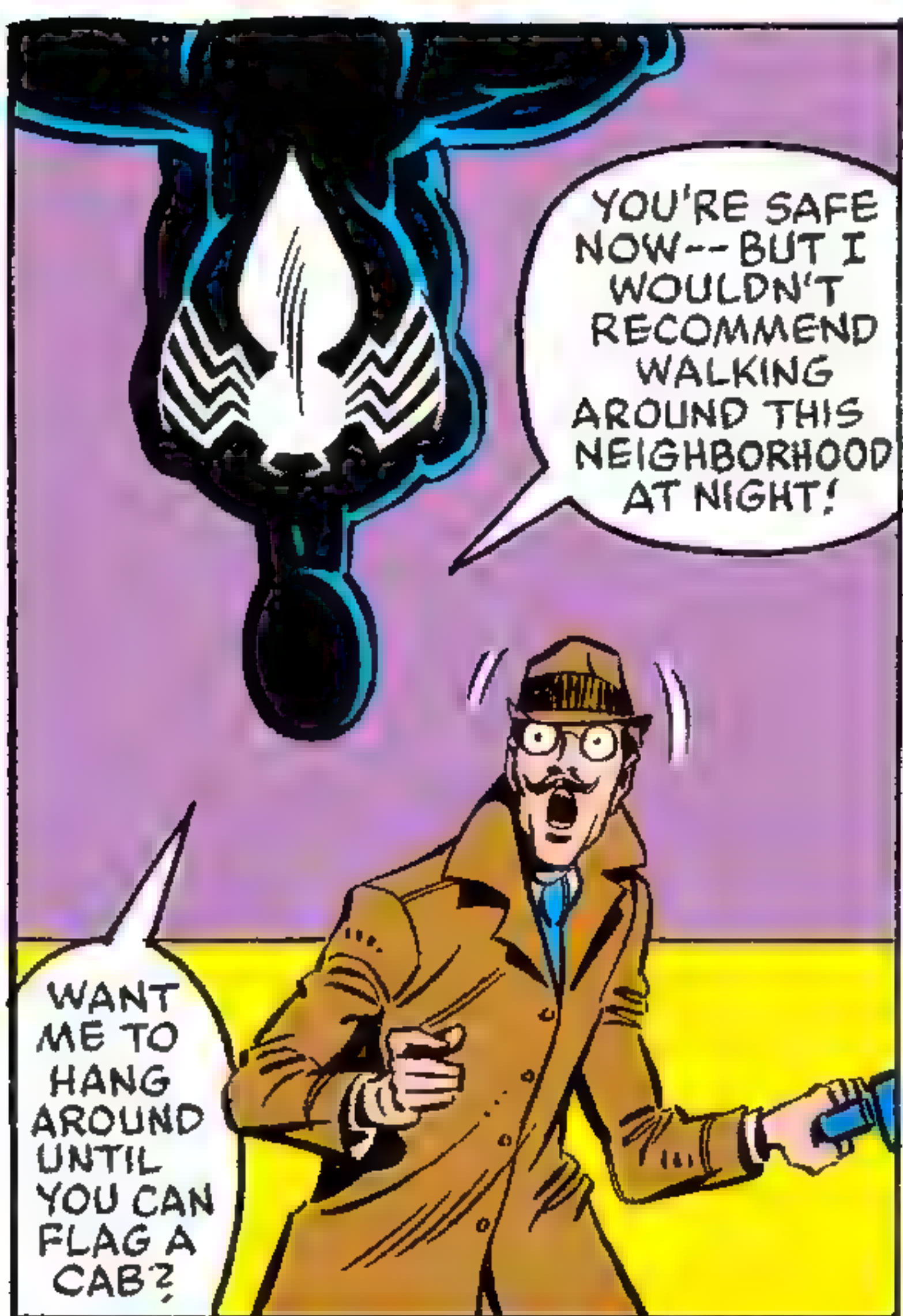


MY WORD!
WHAT COULD
HAVE CAUSED
HIM TO REACT
LIKE--



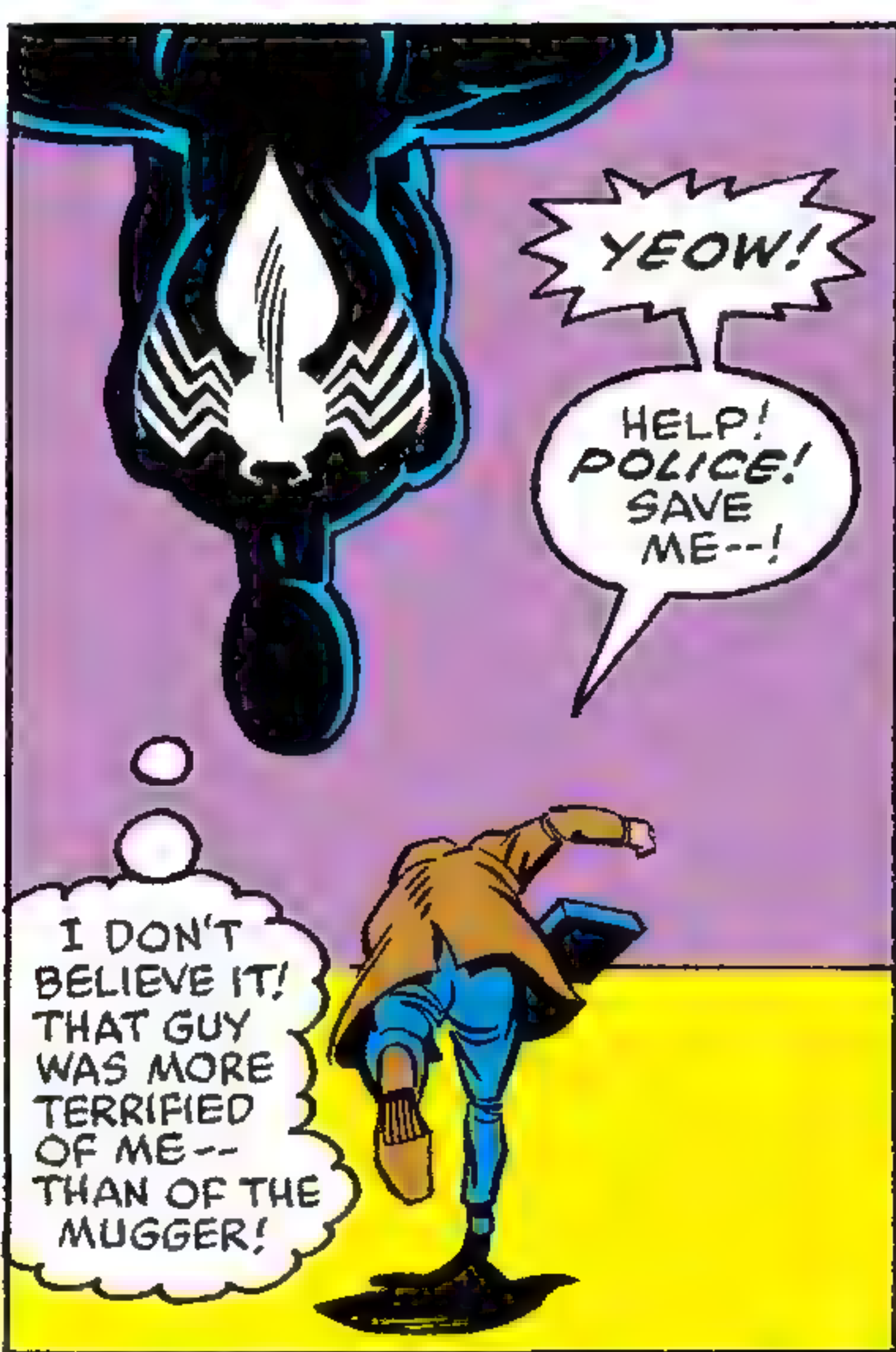
HI,
THERE!

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YOU'RE SAFE
NOW--BUT I
WOULDN'T
RECOMMEND
WALKING
AROUND THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD
AT NIGHT!

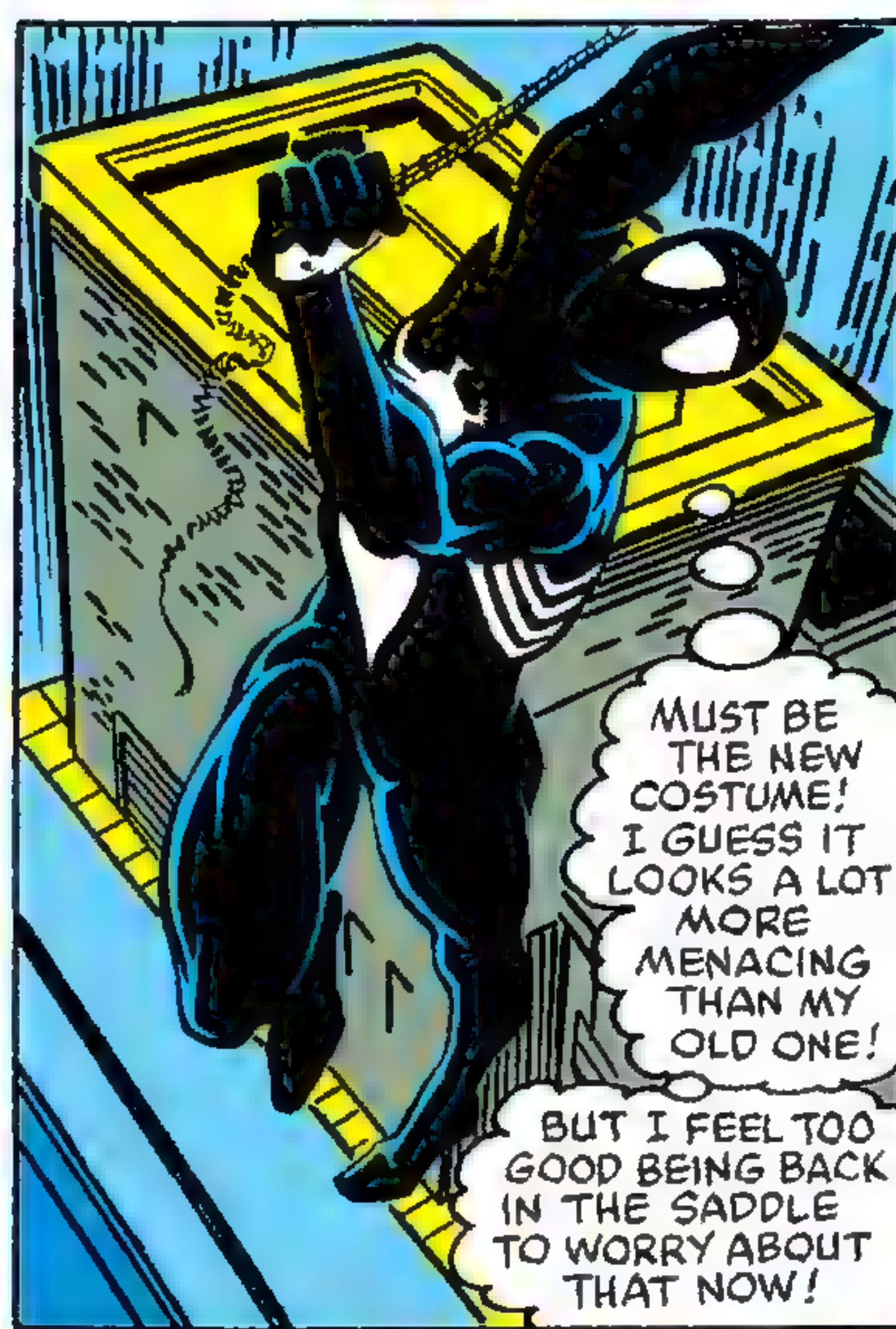
WANT
ME TO
HANG
AROUND
UNTIL
YOU CAN
FLAG A
CAB?



YEOW!

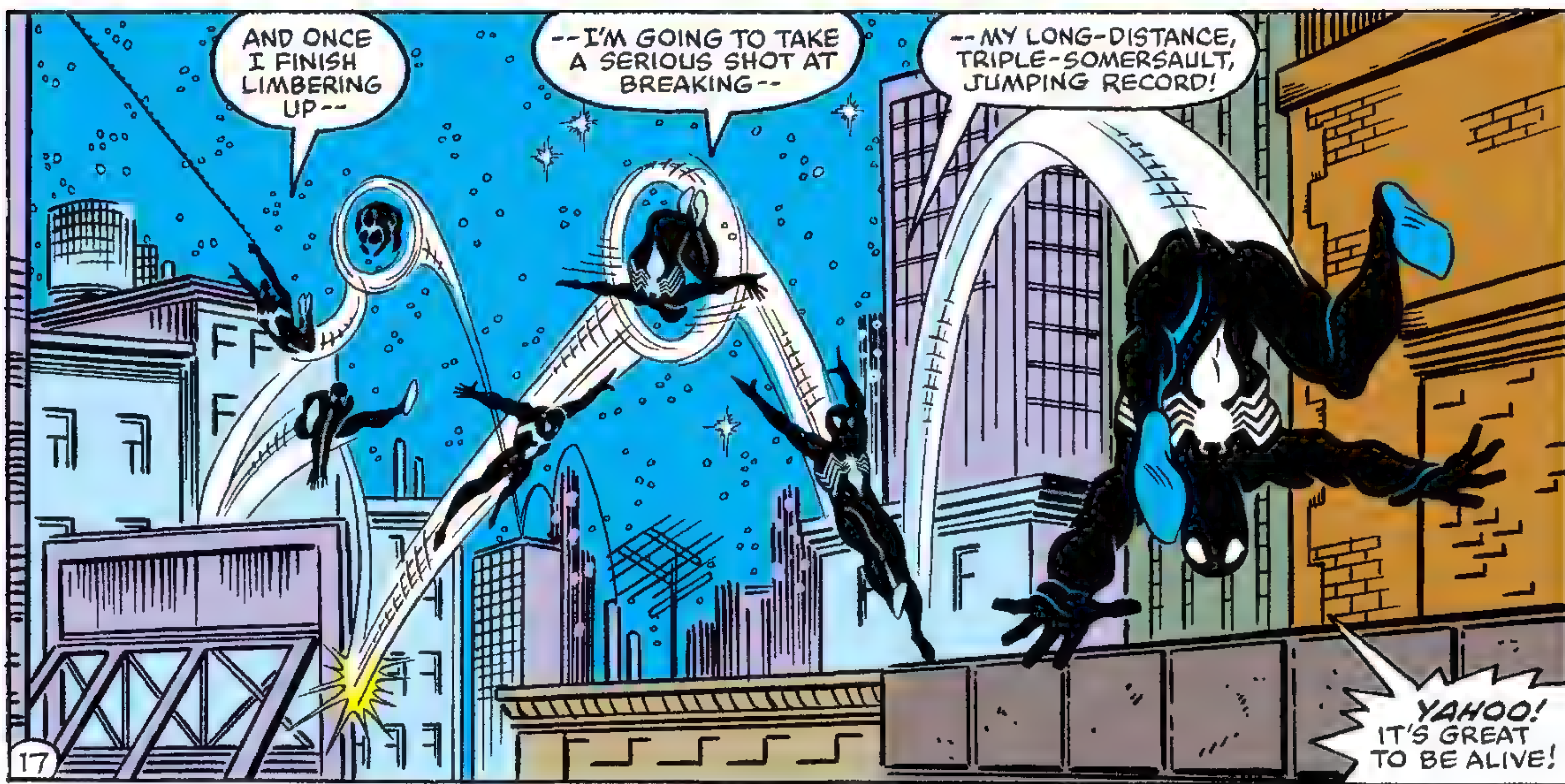
HELP!
POLICE!
SAVE
ME--!

I DON'T
BELIEVE IT!
THAT GUY
WAS MORE
TERRIFIED
OF ME--
THAN OF THE
MUGGER!



MUST BE
THE NEW
COSTUME!
I GUESS IT
LOOKS A LOT
MORE
MENACING
THAN MY
OLD ONE!

BUT I FEEL TOO
GOOD BEING BACK
IN THE SADDLE
TO WORRY ABOUT
THAT NOW!

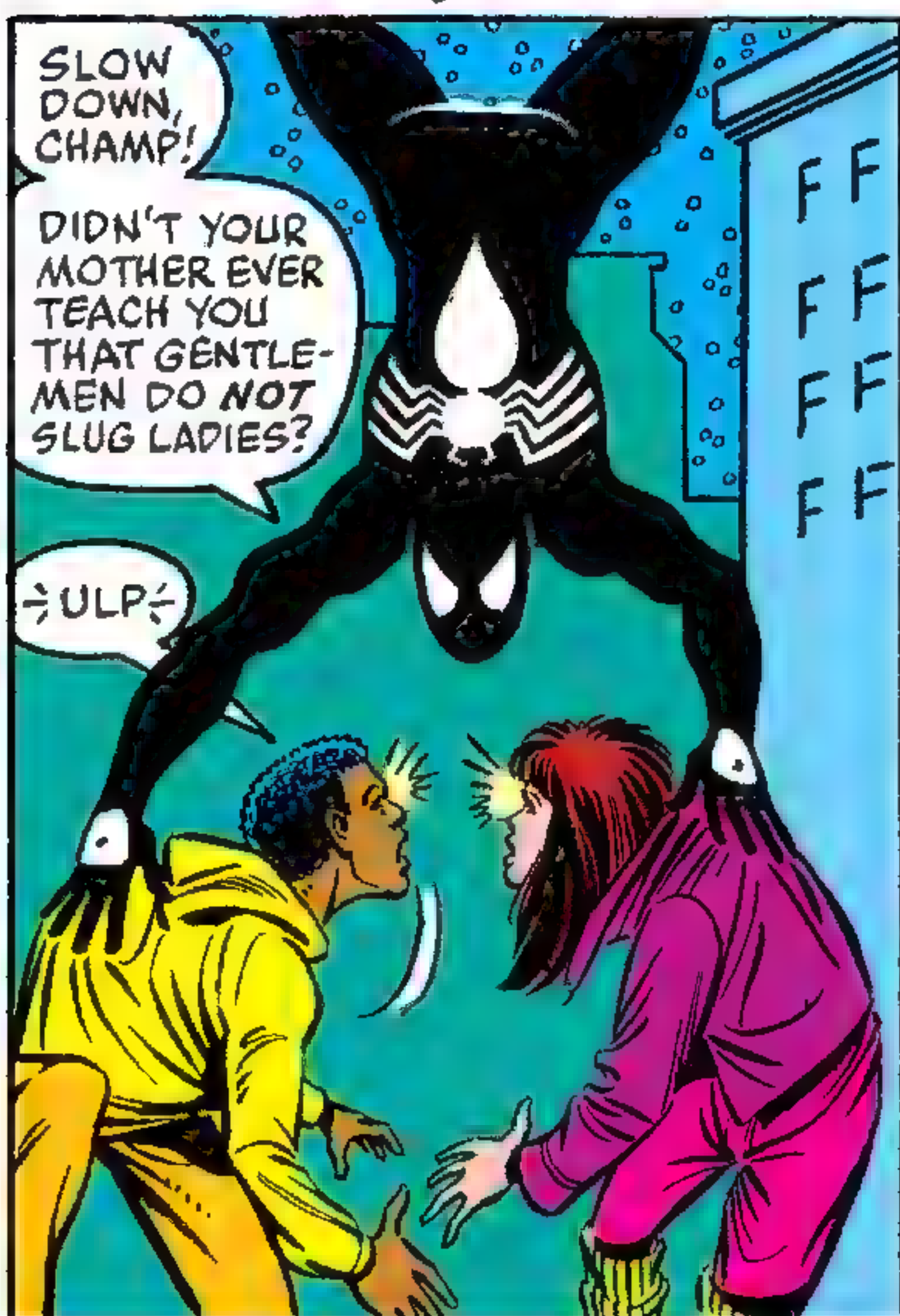
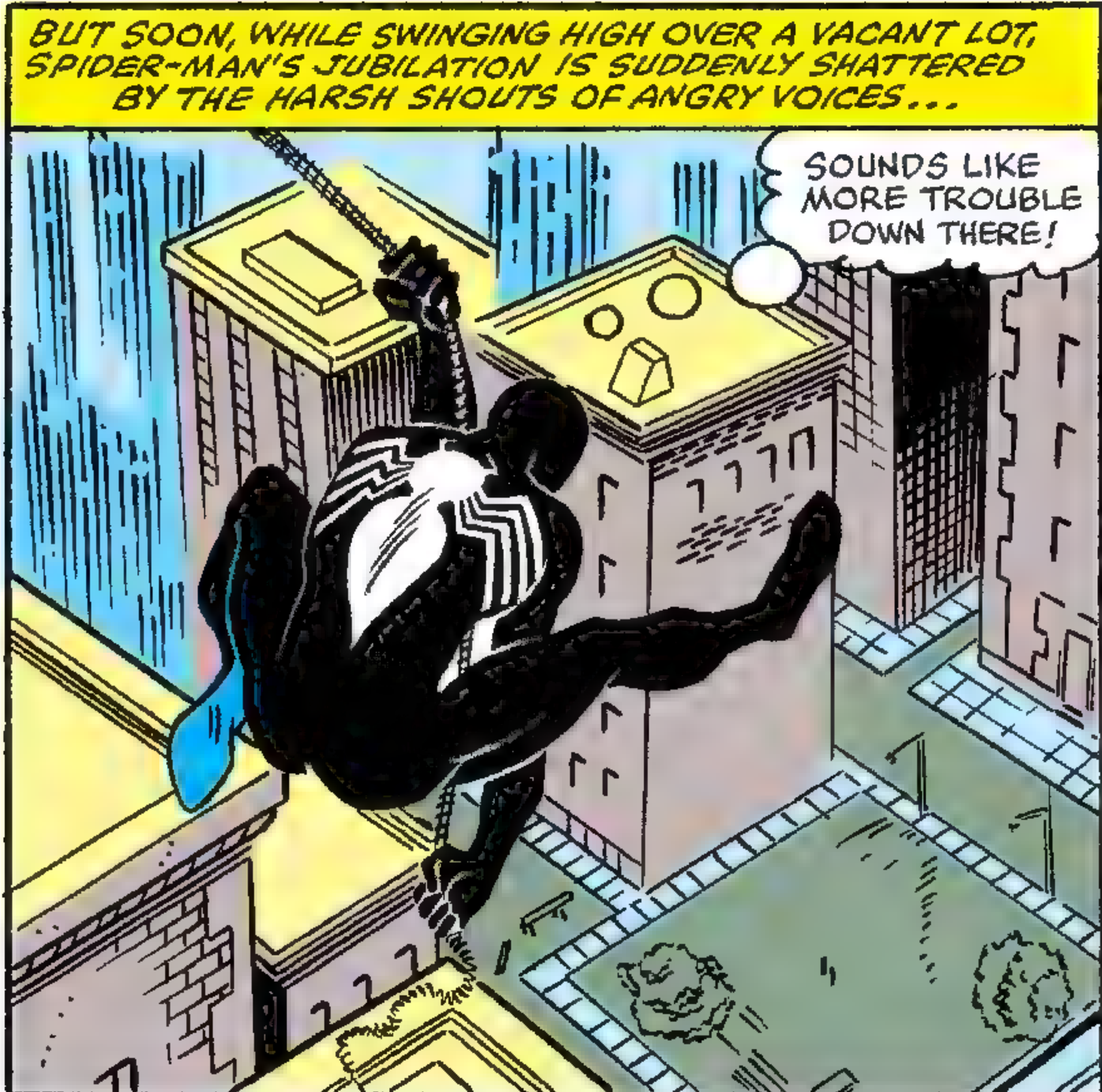


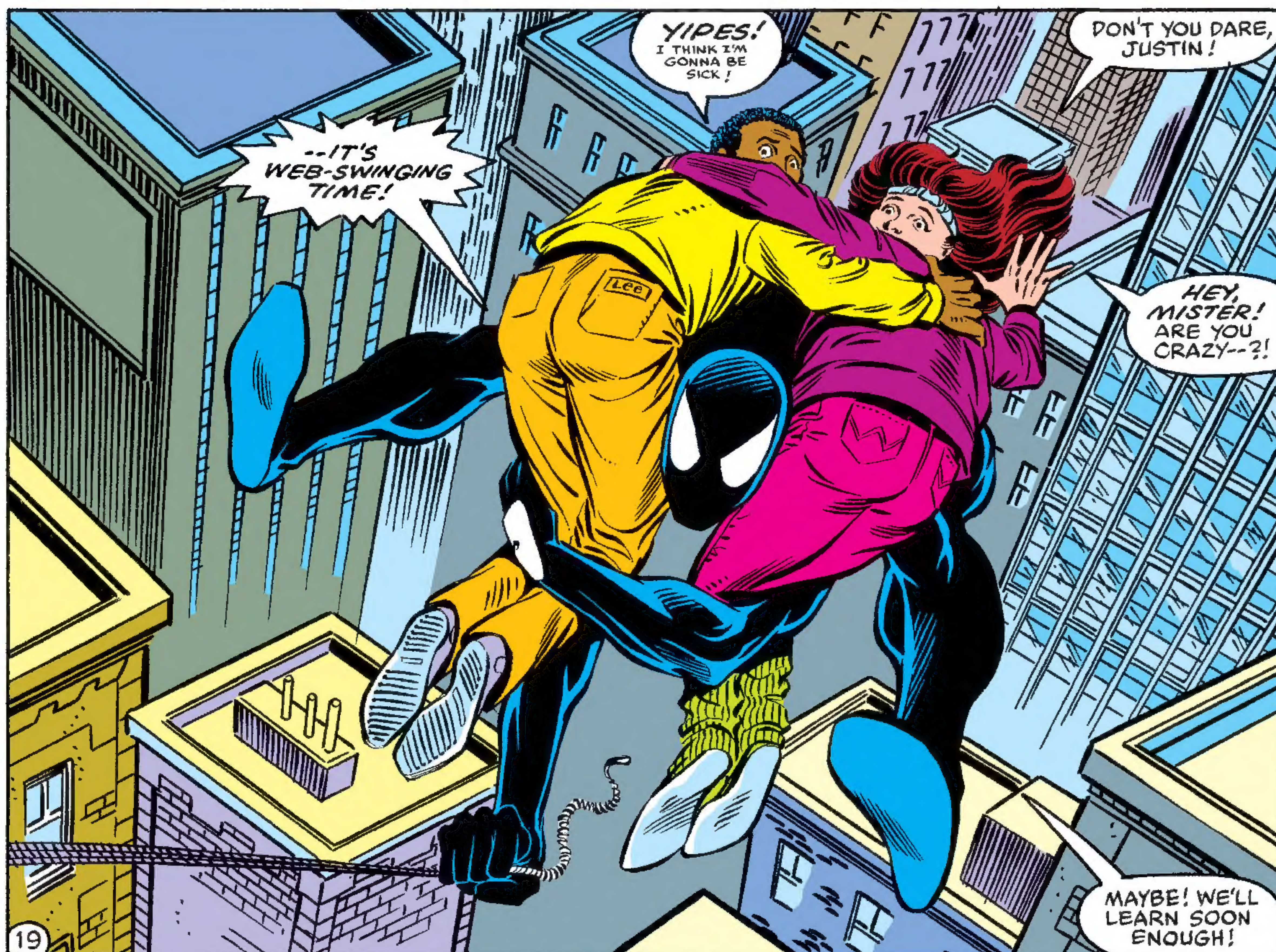
AND ONCE
I FINISH
LIMBERING
UP--

--I'M GOING TO TAKE
A SERIOUS SHOT AT
BREAKING--

--MY LONG-DISTANCE,
TRIPLE-SOMERSAULT,
JUMPING RECORD!

YAHOO!
IT'S GREAT
TO BE ALIVE!





SOON, HIGH ATOP A NEARBY SKYSCRAPER...

WHY'D YOU BRING US UP HERE?

I WANTED YOU TO GET A REAL BIRD'S-EYE-VIEW OF THIS CITY... YOUR CITY!

FEEL THAT COLD NIGHT AIR! DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU GLAD YOU'RE ALIVE?

S-SURE, IF YOU SAY SO.

C-CAN WE GO HOME NOW?

NOT YET, JUSTIN! I'M REALLY GETTING OFF ON THE VIEW!

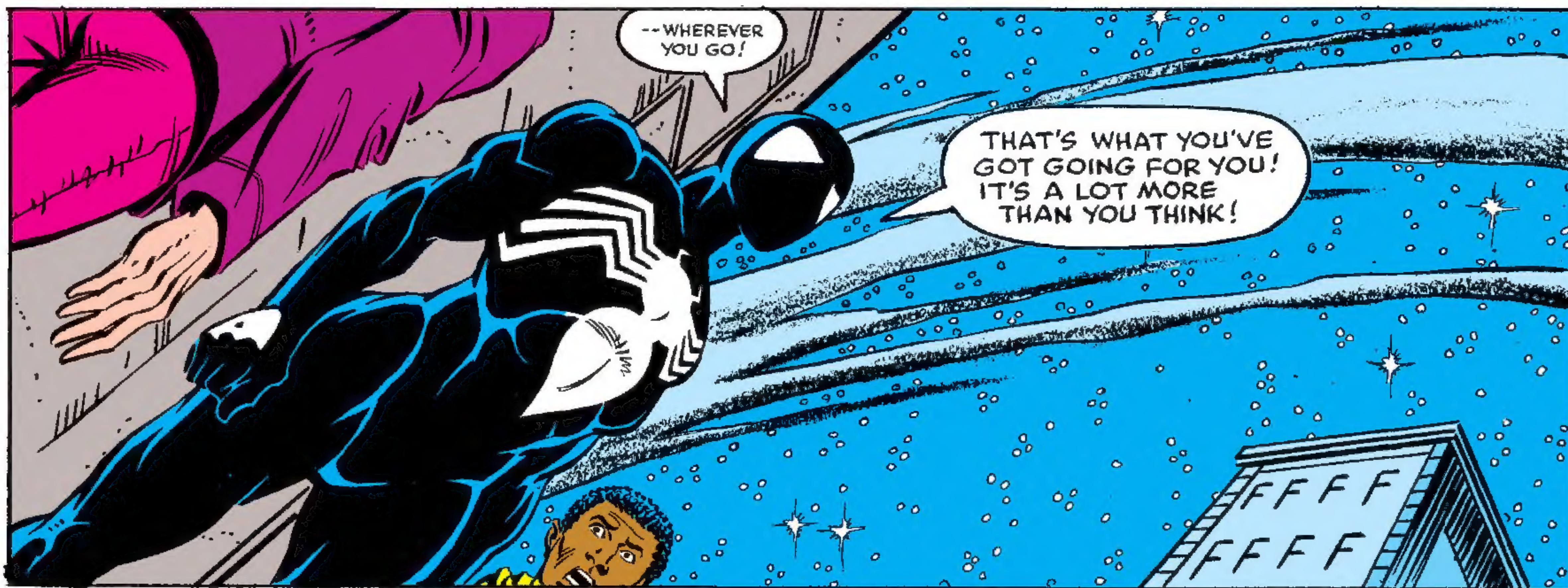
GOOD! I'M NOT MUCH OF A SPEECH-MAKER... SO I FIGURED I'D LET THE CITY SPEAK FOR ITSELF...

"HEY, I REALIZE THIS CITY ISN'T PERFECT! IT HAS MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF ROUGH EDGES..."

"BUT THERE'S A LOT OF REAL BEAUTY DOWN THERE, TOO..."

"THIS CITY IS LIKE ANY LIVING CREATURE! IT HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR INCREDIBLE GOOD ...OR HORRIBLE EVIL!"

"IT'S A PART OF YOU KIDS, WHETHER YOU REALIZE IT OR NOT! YOU'LL ALWAYS CARRY IT WITH YOU--"



--WHEREVER
YOU GO!

THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE
GOT GOING FOR YOU!
IT'S A LOT MORE
THAN YOU THINK!



MINUTES LATER...

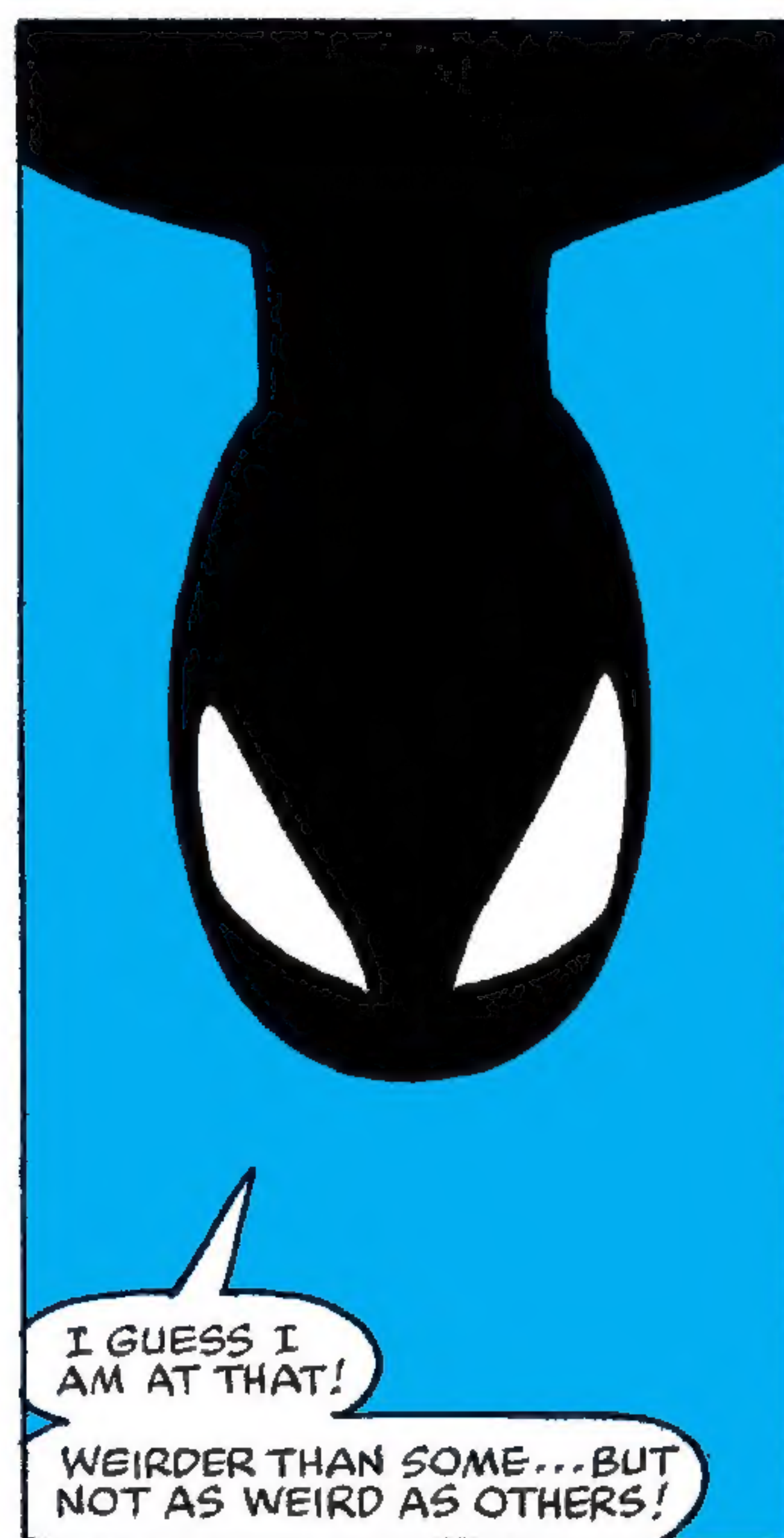
THANKS FOR
THE RIDE,
MISTER! I
KNOW JUSTIN
REALLY HATED
IT--

--BUT
I HAD
A GOOD
TIME!



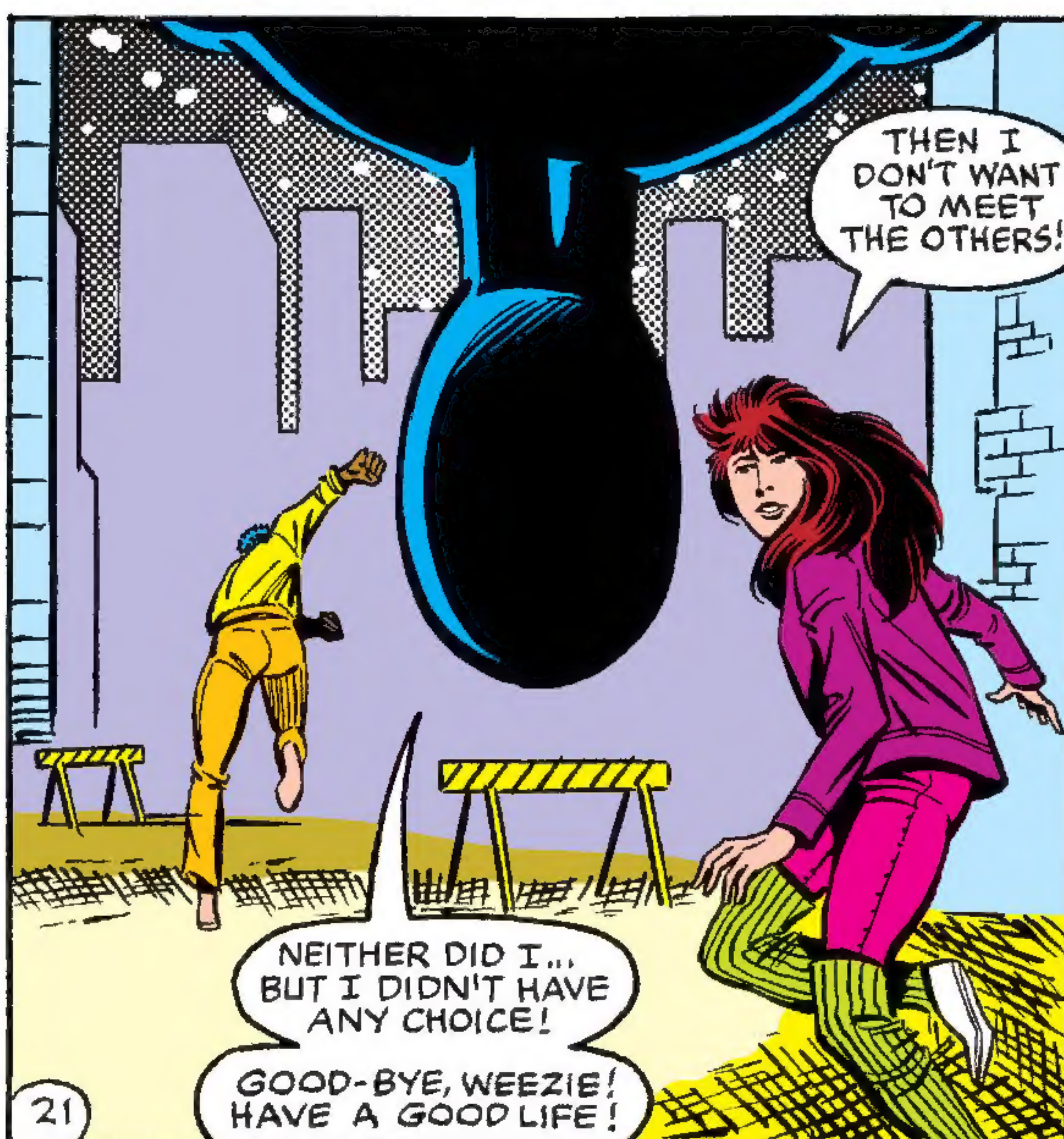
SO
DID I!

YOU KNOW
SOMETHING,
MISTER?
YOU'RE A NICE
GUY...BUT
AWFUL
WEIRD!



I GUESS I
AM AT THAT!

WEIRDER THAN SOME...BUT
NOT AS WEIRD AS OTHERS!



THEN I
DON'T WANT
TO MEET
THE OTHERS!

NEITHER DID I...
BUT I DIDN'T HAVE
ANY CHOICE!

GOOD-BYE, WEEZIE!
HAVE A GOOD LIFE!



MAN! I DON'T KNOW
IF THAT DID MORE
GOOD FOR THEM--
OR ME!

BUT I
FEEL EVEN
BETTER
THAN I DID
BEFORE!

NEW YORK, YOU
REALLY KNOW HOW TO
BRING OUT THE VERY
BEST IN --



--YOUR
FRIENDLY
NEIGHBORHOOD
SPIDER-
MAN!

EDITOR'S NOTE: YOU GUESSED IT, TRUE BELIEVER!
THIS IS JUST OUR SNEAKY WAY OF GIVING YOU
A BONUS PIN-UP OF THE WEB-HEAD IN HIS NIFTY,
NEW COSTUME! HOPE YOU LIKE IT --
DANNY!

NEXT ISSUE! SPIDER-MAN FACES THE THREAT OF A DARING, NEW VILLAIN! PLUS-- AUNT MAY FINALLY
LEARNS THAT PETER HAS DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE! DON'T MISS...

BY MYSELF BETRAYED..!